



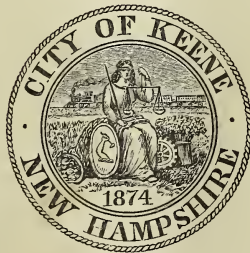
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CITY OF KEENE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

A RESOLUTION ordering the printing of Annual Reports, &c.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows: That there be printed as soon as may be, for general circulation, under the supervision of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, a sufficient number of copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings attending the inauguration of the City Government in January last, together with such Ordinances and Joint Resolutions as have since been passed, or may be thought proper, with the Reports of the Finance Committee, the City Marshal, City Solicitor, Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery, the Board of Health, City Clerk, City Messenger, Superintendent of Water Works, Superintendent of Streets, Engineer of Fire Department, and any other matters thought expedient.

GARDNER C. HILL,
President Common Council.

Approved December 5, 1877.

EDWARD FARRAR,
Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

L. C. DOOLITTLE.
City Clerk.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1877.

The members elect of the City Government having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office prescribed by law was administered to the Mayor elect, Edward Farrar, by the City Clerk, L. C. Doolittle, after which His Honor the Mayor administered the oath of office to the following Boards, viz :

Board of Aldermen :

GEORGE W. BALL,
THOMAS E. HATCH,
IRA F. PROUTY,
GEORGE H. TILDEN,
HENRY S. MARTIN.

Board of Common Council :

BENJ. D. HUTCHINS,
JAMES S. TAFT,
LUTHER H. STARKEY,
ORREN S. GLEASON,
WARREN W. MASON,
ORLEN D. PRATT,
WILLIAM P. CHAMBERLAIN,
JASON FRENCH,
HARVEY PHILLIPS,
JOSIAH M. WOODWARD,
GARDNER C. HILL,
JOSEPH WILSON,
EDWARD C. THAYER,
FRED. E. ROBINSON,
GEORGE F. SANBORN.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Norris, after which the Mayor delivered his Inaugural Address, as follows :

MAYOR FARRAR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:

In entering upon the new year we have new cause to recognize the hand that has so long preserved this community from any extraordinary misfortune. The last year has been, as many former years have been, unvisited by the pestilence that walketh in darkness and destruction that wasteth at noonday. Depression in business still continues, and labor still seeks employment. A new enterprise in the city and vicinity seemed for awhile to present to the laborer a new promise. Many came from abroad in consequence, seeking employment. To be sure they found work, and all seemed to go well with them for awhile. But the promise proved to be a cruel delusion. Soon our hearts were pained at sight of crowds in our streets seeking in vain the just reward of their labor. Failing in this many were thrown upon the care of the city authorities to save them from starvation. Many were furnished by the city with means to go to their homes if they had them, otherwise to go and seek employment elsewhere. It is to be hoped that schemes that succeed or schemes that fail will not soon entail such results again either upon the city or upon the poor laborer.

FINANCE.

The finances of the city are, all things considered, in a satisfactory condition. The expenditures of the past year have been unusually large, but it will be found on examination that a very large portion of such as are not common to all years have been for improvements of a permanent and desirable character. Of this class are the expenditures for the extension of Water Works, the enlargement of Woodland Cemetery, and the acquisition of land purchased for gravel. These items alone aggregate the sum of \$14,268.81. Other items will be noticed in the summary of expenditures given in the report of the finance committee, which perhaps should be noticed here. The item of ordinary city charges is unusually large. This item embraces charges not very ordinary or very usual. Such are the expenses of the appraisal of real estate required by law in 1875, and the printing of the report of that appraisal, the expenses for surveys, for sewerage, and of the

engineer's services and printing of his report. This item also embraces charges for services and rents accruing in former years, and also the expenses for police services during the year. The unusual amount of these expenses has been owing in some degree to the large number of people brought here by calls for laborers to work on the new railroad, and to their discontent on account of their failure to obtain their pay. They became threatening and disorderly, and extraordinary measures were required to keep the peace and protect property. But the increase in that item of expense has been occasioned by the fact that two night and one day policemen have been on duty constantly. This practice was adopted early in the year, and has been continued to the present time. It should also be noticed, if footings are to be compared with footings of last year, that the sum of \$3700 has been paid to Union School District for school money raised by the district in 1874 and 1875, and that \$2600 more has been paid to the building committee of the district than was called for last year. The pauper account will also be seen to be much greater than it was last year, owing in a great degree to the aid given by the city to the laborers thrown upon its charity as already stated. For the aid thus given the city has a claim against the county, which is now pending before the court on appeal from the County Commissioners. The expenses of the Fire Department were increased by the addition of twenty men to the Deluge Engine Company, and by the purchase of new hose. Six thousand dollars of the town debt was also paid in 1876 against three thousand in 1875. Particulars thus given will serve to account for the apparently large amount of expenditures as stated in the Finance Committee's summary.

The general balance of assets over indebtedness, leaving out the water debt, as it is usual to do, compares favorably with such balance reported the last year. Six thousand dollars of the town bonds were paid last July. Thirty-eight hundred became due the first day of this month. The funded debts of the city are as follows, to wit :

Town Bonds,	\$ 7,900
Payable July 1, 1877,	\$4,900
" Jan. 1, 1879,	3,000

The Water Loan,	\$155,000
Payable Jan. 1, 1879,	35,800
“ July 1, 1880,	3,200
“ Jan. 1, 1882,	4,000
“ July 1, 1882,	6,500
“ July 1, 1883,	4,000
“ Jan. 1, 1884,	17,500
“ July 1, 1885,	10,500
“ Jan. 1, 1887,	4,000
“ July 1, 1887,	7,500
“ July 1, 1888,	500
“ Jan. 1, 1889,	21,700
“ July 1, 1890,	11,300
“ Jan. 1, 1892,	4,000
“ July 1, 1892,	9,000
“ July 1, 1893,	5,500
“ Oct. 1, 1896,	10,000
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	\$155,000

In view of the early maturity of a large amount of the water bonds, the question comes before us, Should we make any provision at this time to meet or anticipate their payment? The revenue of the city does little if anything more than pay the ordinary expenses of the city, including interest on the bonds. It will be for the Councils to consider whether anything more should be done the present year than meet current expenses. If so, a larger sum should be raised by taxation than is recommended by the Committee on Finance. The Committee were governed in their recommendation by consideration of the times, and that \$10,000 a year is to be paid on the debt of the Union School District. If nothing is to be added to the fund invested in the State bonds to meet the maturing water bonds, it may, at least, be well to consider whether the money taken to pay for the extension of the cemetery, and for the land purchased for gravel, should not be wholly or partially restored to the treasury by a tax for that purpose. After purchasing the land for gravel a joint resolution was passed authorizing the sale of the same, reserving to the city the exclusive right to take the gravel. It is hoped

that a favorable opportunity to effect such a sale will soon present itself. The Simmons and ministerial funds, about \$4000 in all, were put into the town treasury and used for general town purposes. It may also be well to consider whether these funds should not be restored and kept invested for their legitimate purposes. Let us at all events see that the expenses of the city are kept within reasonable limits, and retrench where retrenchment is possible and proper.

HIGHWAYS.

The report of the Superintendent of highways gives in detail the work done and improvements made upon the streets and roads the past year, and the particulars of their present condition. Some important improvements have been made in the old streets and roads, all of which are reported to be in good condition. New streets have been laid out as follows, viz: George street, running Easterly from Washington street, North of Mr. Ephraim George's house, across Beaver Brook, by houses built by Mr. Amos F. Knight and others to the house of Mr. David Knight on the hill. This street has been partially wrought, but it needs other improvements. Woodburn street, (lately called West Court street,) running North from Portland street to the South line of David Hutchins' land, over land formerly owned by Nathan Wood, and reserved by him for a street. This street has not been finished, but is in passable condition. Water street court, running from Water street to Royal H. Porter's North line, over land of James Hoit, reserved by him for a street. This street or court has been wholly built. Butler's court, running from Winchester street Southerly over land reserved for a street, to the Ashuelot river. No work has been done upon this street. Extension of Island street, running from the South end of Island street over land reserved by Messrs. Faulkner & Colony for the same, to and across the Ashuelot river, and over land of Abel Blake and of the Union School District to Winchester street. No work has been done upon this extension. The principal expense of it will be involved in building a bridge over the river. The improvement was deemed by the board of sufficient importance to justify the expense. Russell street,

a short street running Northeastly from West street over land reserved to and by houses of Charles L. Russell. This street has not been finished, though passable.

The Superintendent reports the appropriation for highways nearly exhausted. The improvement in Marlboro' street in front of Mr. Cole's house has involved an extraordinary expense. On Dec. 1, 1875, there was reported unexpended of the appropriation of the year previous, only \$44.12 to commence the work of the new year with. There were bills chargeable to highways contracted during that year and unpaid amounting to about \$250. The constant wear and wash of highways brings constant need of repairs. It is idle to suppose that roads may be so well repaired one year that they will need no repairs the next. Each year will have its own wash and wear, and the amount of expense for repairs of the great length of roads in Keene, cannot be much less any year than the amount usually appropriated. The last appropriation for highways made by the town of Keene, was \$10,000. The year following, the City Councils appropriated \$7000, and last year \$8500. We cannot estimate the annual cost of work on streets and roads at much less than this last sum. The committee recommend \$7500 as the sum to be raised this year for highways.

Material of an excellent quality for the repair of our streets is exposed by the changing current of the Branch near the foot of Main street, on land lately owned by Mr. Daniel W. Robinson. The Councils have thought best to secure the whole supply, for the use of the city. By their authority the land was purchased the past year. The supply of river gravel thus furnished will obviate, to a great extent, the purchase of material for the repair of streets. This supply is constantly renewed, and is deemed inexhaustible. Some experiments have been made in concrete walks the past year. The walk across the street from the Cheshire House to Elliot's Block seems, so far at least, to be a success. There is need of such improvements in other places. There is need especially of a better walk from near the Cheshire Bank to the depot. It is hoped that something further in this direction may be done the coming season.

WATER WORKS.

The whole amount authorized by the Legislature having been expended in the construction of water works, it was deemed expedient to ask for authority to expend a further sum. Upon application to the Legislature at its last session, authorized by the City Councils, leave was granted to the city to expend the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars. There being an important section of the water works situated on the west side of the river supplied by a single main across the river, and there being an urgent demand for the extension of the works on Winchester and Pearl streets, the Water Commissioners asked for an appropriation to enable them to make the desired improvements. The City Councils consequently appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars for those and other improvements that might be necessary, involving no more than that amount. The Commissioners have since caused the main on Winchester street to be extended across the river at the bridge, and down the street to the residence of Mr. Horace Hamblett, and have connected this main with the main crossing the river at the bridge on West street by a main through Pearl street; extending the use of the water to families in great need of it, supplying additional fire hydrants to that section, and securing the water takers west of the river against interruption in their water supply by reason of any accident to a single main crossing the river; such an accident might happen at a season when it might be impossible to repair an injury at such a place. The expense of these extensions, including thirteen hydrants, has been \$7,714. An extension has been made on Prospect street at a cost of \$318.05, and one on High street at a cost of \$37.75. A hydrant to supply a street sprinkler has been placed on Main street, costing \$43. The Commissioners report the total addition to the construction account the past year to be \$8,078.03. It is believed that this money has been judiciously and economically expended, and that its expenditure has been justified by the just claims of the tax-payers, for whose immediate benefit it has been expended, and by the circumstances of the case. The water works have been faithfully and judiciously managed and cared for the past year, and are in excellent condition.

Although there has been a small addition to the number of service pipes, there has been a slight falling off of water-takers and revenue. It is probable that the long-continued depression in business will account for all this. For full particulars as to the construction and current accounts, and other interesting matters connected with the water works, I refer the Councils to the reports of the Water Commissioners and Superintendents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Keene has ever been mindful of the claims of the firemen, and has increased their pay from time to time, as the growth of the town has rendered the calls for their services more frequent. Our firemen are ever ready, night and day, to attend to calls for their services, and to risk their lives and limbs in the performance of their duty. A liberal policy towards them should be pursued as the most economical in the end. Readiness and alertness in answering to the calls of duty are indispensable qualities in a fireman. Let them know that these qualities are appreciated, and they will be more eager to display them. It is presumed that the Councils will readily vote them their accustomed compensation, that is to say, six dollars and a half in addition to the three dollars which the law requires as the least they should be paid. I would recommend early action that they may know what pay is assured them. The necessity of a better fire alarm has been further proved by another year's experience. I earnestly recommend that the Councils give early attention to this subject. For many particulars as to the condition of the department and its needs, I take pleasure in referring the Councils to the report of the Chief Engineer, whose suggestions and recommendations I commend to your favorable attention.

BURYING GROUNDS.

The Cemetery question is settled at last. Acting under a late Act of the Legislature authorizing the taking of land for burying grounds, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, upon a petition for that purpose, have laid out an extension to Woodland Cemetery, taking about seventeen and a half acres of land belonging to the estate of the late Thomas M. Edwards.

lying Northeasterly of the cemetery, and between two and three acres of land of M. J. Sherman, connecting the same with the cemetery. Under joint resolution of the City Councils the committee have made a purchase of about five acres more of the Edwards estate lying North of the above, enlarging the cemetery about twenty-five acres, at a cost of a little over \$2500. The new grounds have been partly cleared, the main avenues mostly laid out, and the ground adjoining the cemetery graded, so that with some further preparation, lots will be ready for purchasers early the coming season. It was deemed desirable to enlarge Woodland rather than establish a new cemetery in another part of the city. In doing this it was necessary to take such land as could be had without too great expense. Of the land so acquired some portions cannot be used for burial purposes, but it presents great variety of surface, and under proper treatment the whole is capable of being utilized, and the roughest of it made to contribute to make a place of great beauty. This cemetery question has been one of long standing. The last year has been nearly worn out in its discussion. Although some may not be satisfied with the disposition which has been made of it, all will be glad that the city has at last found for it a place of rest. *Resquiescat in pace.*

No proper provision has been made by the City Councils for the care of the other cemeteries of the city. An Act of the last Legislature provides that cities and towns may accept, as trustees, legacies or donations made to secure proper care and attention to cemetery lots by their owners, making it the duty of the cities and towns to faithfully apply the interest of such sums to the care of such lots. The city will be very likely to receive such sums, and have a duty to perform in relation to them. An ordinance should be passed providing for the care of all the cemeteries, and also for the expenditure of the money devoted, under the above mentioned Act, to the care of particular lots. I would recommend the passage of a well considered ordinance, embracing the whole subject of cemeteries, their care and management.

SEWERAGE.

That some complete system of sewerage should be established for the city of Keene will no longer be questioned by intelligent men. The reasons for it are so familiar and have been so often reiterated that a discussion of them does not seem to be called for here. The fact that we are constantly filling the ground with filth, that water stands above the surface of the ground in many places portions of the year, and just under the surface in large portions of the city all of the year; that the village is infested much of the time with festering pools and unhealthy accumulations, and that a system of sewerage would remedy all this, cleanse the city and lift it out of standing water, instantly occur to the mind. The only questions seem to be as to the system to be adopted and the time when the work shall be commenced. A survey of the city has been made and a number of plans laid before the city by an experienced engineer. The City Council, adopting one of these plans, last year authorized a call for proposals for the building of the main from the river to Central Square. The Aldermen passed a joint resolution to authorize a contract for the building of that section. The Common Council did not concur with the Aldermen in taking this important step, partly, it is understood, for the reason that they doubted whether the plan proposed was the best one and whether it would answer its purpose, and partly on account of the expense it involved. The wisdom of experienced and scientific men must be relied upon in this matter. If the best plan proposed is not the best possible, our first step should be to make an attempt to ascertain the best and to employ the best talent to point it out to us. Having obtained a satisfactory plan, we may as well make a beginning without further delay. The work can be done cheaply now, and furnish much needed employment for the laborer. The city may take its own time for payment, and need not therefore add essentially to the present burdens of the tax payer. I would earnestly recommend an early consideration of this subject. Further discussion may satisfy the Councils that the plan recommended by Mr. Ball is on the whole as good as any engineer can discover.

SCHOOLS.

The laws of the State leave with the several school districts, to a great extent, the care and management of their own schools. The City Councils may, if they choose, add to the amount required by law to be raised by taxation for the support of schools. They are authorized by an Act of the last Legislature to devote the balance of the dog tax remaining unexpended at the annual election to the support of schools, or reserve it to pay damages done by dogs to domestic animals. Each district may also raise money for the support of the school or schools within its limits. The City Councils may determine the manner in which the school money required by law to be raised by taxation, together with the literary fund, (including the balance of the dog tax if they choose,) shall be divided among the several districts, or may leave such money to be assigned by the Mayor and Aldermen to the districts according to the valuation of the districts for the year. The usual method has been to assign to each district seventy-five dollars and divide the remainder among the districts according to the number of scholars in the district respectively. If the Councils adopt this method of dividing the school money this year there would seem to be no further occasion for their action upon the subject of school revenue, as thus divided the money furnished to each district is understood to be satisfactory. A city ordinance provides for the election of a Superintendent of schools not included within the limits of the Union District, to be chosen by the Councils in joint convention in the month of March in this year. Except as to the matters above alluded to, I am not aware that the City Councils will be called upon to take any action in relation to schools. The high school building has been completed within the past year. It is worthy of remark that an edifice of such plan and dimensions, so thoroughly built and elegantly finished, and so completely furnished with every convenience and improvement, so satisfactory in every way, has been furnished within the amount previously estimated for its construction.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In 1874 the city accepted the library and property of the Keene Public Library Association on condition, among other

things, that the city should expend not less than \$300 a year for the first five years, and afterwards not less than \$500 a year, for the purchase and repair of books for the library, such expenditure to continue until the library should have an income of \$1000 a year derived from other sources. Since accepting the library on such conditions, the city has raised \$500 a year for the purchase and repair of books. The Committee on Finance recommend the raising of the same sum this year for that purpose. Until last May the rooms occupied for the library were also occupied by the Social Union, and the expense for rent and care of rooms and library shared equally, making the expense to the city for rent and librarian \$300 per annum. Since that time the rooms have been occupied for the library alone, the rent being \$300 per annum and the services of librarian the same. Some action on the part of the Councils relating to the care of the library will be called for during this year. The city has assumed an obligation to preserve and maintain the library for the use of the inhabitants of the city. It is for the honor as well as for the interest of the city that the obligation be performed with fidelity and liberality. The report of the librarian, giving certain statistics concerning the increase, use and condition of the library, will be found interesting.

CITY FARM.

Early in the year just closed the City Councils passed a joint resolution authorizing the sale of the City Farm, and property connected therewith. The property was duly sold for the sum, after deducting expenses, of \$3,265.38; credit was given for \$1,760 of the purchase money. The remainder was paid into the City Treasury. A detailed statement of the Joint Standing Committee on the City Farm will be found in the City Reports.

STREET LAMPS.

The contract with Mr. Edward Gústine for lighting the streets expired the first of this month. Provision should be made at once for the future lighting of the streets if lighting is to be continued. The Committee on Finance have recommended that the sum of \$1.600 be appropriated for this purpose. The sum paid last year for lighting the streets and

taking care of the lanterns and pipes was \$1,900. The Committee were of opinion that a more favorable contract might be made this year.

MANCHESTER AND KEENE RAILROAD.

One year ago there was pending in the Circuit Court for this County a suit in chancery, wherein the Court was asked to enjoin the city and its officers from paying to the Manchester & Keene Railroad the gratuity which the City Councils had voted to aid the corporation in building their railroad from Keene to Greenfield. A question as to the constitutionality of the law under which that vote was passed was then pending in the Superior Court. That question was decided in favor of the constitutionality of the law. Two other questions of law were thereupon raised as to the legality of the action of the Councils. At the last Law Term, at Concord, the Supreme Court decided both of these questions in favor of the legality of the vote of the Councils, and ordered that the Bill of complaint be dismissed. If this mandate be carried into effect in our County Court, the suit is disposed of. It is not known that any other obstacle exists to the issuing of the bonds of the city in accordance with the resolution of the City Councils, if the Manchester & Keene Railroad Company shall fully comply with the conditions of the grant.

· CONCLUSION.

Gentlemen, we have to-day taken upon ourselves an important trust. The people will look that we perform our duties with diligence and fidelity, prudence and economy.

At the close of the Mayor's address, on motion, the members of the City Government adjourned to meet in joint convention at 7½ o'clock, p. m., when L. C. Doolittle was elected City Clerk. Afterward the Council was organized by the choice of Gardner C. Hill, President, and C. A. Gale, Clerk.

The Council then adjourned.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT, 1877.

MAYOR:
EDWARD FARRAR.

ALDERMEN:

WARD 1.
George W. Ball.

WARD 3.
Ira F. Prouty.

WARD 2.
Thomas E. Hatch.

WARD 4.
George H. Tilden.

WARD 5.—Henry S. Martin.

LUCIUS C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk*.

COUNCILMEN:

GARDNER C. HILL, *President*.

WARD 1.
Benjamin D. Hutchins,
James S. Taft,
Luther H. Starkey.

WARD 3.
William P. Chamberlain,
Jason French,
Harvey Phillips.

WARD 2.
Orren S. Gleason,
Warren W. Mason,
Orlen D. Pratt.

WARD 4.
Josiah M. Woodward,
Gardner C. Hill,
Joseph Wilson.

WARD 5.

Edward C. Thayer, Fred. E. Robinson, George F. Sanborn.

CHARLES A. GALE, *Clerk*.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Martin, Councilmen Thayer and French.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Gleason and Robinson.

Bridges.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Sanborn and Wilson.

Streets, Sewers and Drains.—Alderman Prouty, Councilmen Taft and Pratt.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman Hatch, Councilmen Woodward and Phillips.

Fire Department.—Alderman Martin, Councilmen Sanborn and Starkey.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Chamberlain and Hutchins.

Water Works.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Woodward and Pratt.

Printing.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Gleason and Taft.

Schools.—Alderman Prouty, Councilmen Woodward and Starkey.

Claims.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Mason and French.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Martin, Councilmen Gleason and Phillips.

Public Library.—Alderman Hatch, Councilmen Chamberlain and Hutchins.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen Hatch, Prouty and Martin.

Licenses.—Aldermen Martin, Ball and Tilden.

Simmons and Ministerial Fund.—Aldermen Prouty, Tilden and Hatch.

Police.—Aldermen Ball, Tilden and Prouty.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen Chamberlain, Thayer and Taft.

Elections.—Councilmen Mason, Robinson and Pratt.

CITY SOLICITOR.

Silas Hardy.

CITY TREASURER.

Henry O. Coolidge.

CITY MARSHAL.

Edwin R. Locke.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Daniel H. Holbrook, Edward Joslin, John Humphrey.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS.

Lewis Holmes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

James R. Livermore.

ASSESSORS.

John W. Babbitt,	Augustus T. Wilder,
Sylvester Spaulding,	Charles Abbott,
Laton Martin.	

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Shubael White.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Dexter W. Gilbert.

JUSTICE OF THE POLICE COURT.

Edward Farrar.

POLICE OFFICERS.

Edwin R. Locke,	Parker C. Butler,
George H. Kellogg,	Jacob Staples,
Frank C. Hardy,	John W. Babbitt,
Francis D. Griswold,	Jonas C. Rice,
Frederick L. Pitcher,	Isaac Aldrich,
Ralph J. Holt,	Charles Holton,
Philander Howland,	James H. Smith,
Samuel O. Gates,	James Bierne.

CONSTABLE.

Edwin R. Locke.

CITY MESSENGER.

Philander Howland.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

J. Holmes Leach, Orren Starkey, Hosea Foster.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

J. Holmes Leach.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. E. Bissell, Daniel H. Holbrook,
Joseph Whitney, Shubael White,
Horace Hamblett.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

Arba Kidder.

CITY SEXTON.

Arba Kidder.

[For List of Members of Fire Department, see Report of Chief Engineer.]

CITY ORDINANCES.

[The following Ordinance was not printed in the Annual Report for 1874.]

CITY OF KEENE:

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ORDINANCE appointing a day for examination of the Returns of Votes for Mayor.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the City Councils shall annually meet in convention on the third Friday in the month of December, for the purpose of examining the Returns of Votes from the several Wards for Mayor, and declaring the result thereof.

HENRY H. DARLING, *Pres't Common Council.*

HORATIO COLONY, *Mayor.*

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Official Bonds.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the following named officers of this city shall not enter upon the duties of their office until they have furnished bonds, approved by the Mayor and Aldermen, for the faithful discharge of their duties in the following sums, to wit :

Treasurer, in the sum of thirty thousand dollars ; Superintendent of Highways, in the sum of three thousand dollars ;

Superintendent of Water Works, in the sum of five thousand dollars ; the Collector of Taxes, in the sum thirty thousand dollars ; City Clerk, in the sum of one thousand dollars ; City Marshal, in the sum of three hundred dollars ; City Messenger in the sum of two hundred dollars ; Constables, in the sum of three hundred dollars each.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to City Liquor Agency.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene. as follows :

That when the present agent of the city appointed for the purchase and sale of spirituous liquors shall cease to hold that office, no further appointment of such agent shall be made.

AN ORDINANCE providing for the Appointment and Duties of a City Physician.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

SECTION 1. Immediately after the passage of this ordinance and thereafter in the month of January, annually, there shall be elected by the City Councils, in convention and by joint ballot, a City Physician. who shall hold his office for the term of one year, unless removed by the City Councils.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the City Physician to attend, under the general direction of the Overseers of the Poor, upon all sick paupers and patients under the care of the city authorities, and to report annually, on or before the first day of December. to the City Councils, a list of deaths of the previous year ; state the age, sex, and disease of the person deceased. Shall give to either branch of the City Councils, or to any committee thereof. all such professional advice and counsel as they may require of him. Shall vaccinate all scholars of the public schools who may be sent to him by the School Committee for that purpose, free of charge, and generally perform all such professional services as may be reasonably required of him by the Mayor and Aldermen, City Council, and Board of Health.

SEC. 3. He shall attend upon all cases of disease, and perform all the professional services that may be required in the Police Station, or elsewhere, by the City Marshal or Assistant.

SEC. 4. He shall deliver to his successor in office, all papers, records and memoranda pertaining to the duties of his office, and shall receive for his services the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per year, to be paid in equal quarterly payments.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for the ensuing year.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the following sums of money be raised by taxation, and appropriated for the following purposes, to-wit :

To Build and Repair Highways and Bridges, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For Ordinary City Charges, three thousand eight hundred dollars.

For Fire Department, two thousand dollars.

For Paupers, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For Interest on Water Loan, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For Public Library, five hundred dollars.

For Police, two thousand dollars.

Town Debt and Interest, three thousand six hundred dollars.

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing a contract for Lighting Street Lamps.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the Mayor be authorized, in behalf of the City, to enter into a contract with the Keene Gas Light Co., for lighting the street lamps, and keeping the same in repair for one year, from January 1, 1877, on the following conditions, to wit :

Said Gas Light Co. shall furnish gas and light all the street lamps in said city on such nights as the moon is not visible, from one hour after sunset till ten o'clock, p. m., for one-year

from January 1, 1877, for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, to be paid in equal quarterly payments. Three lamps to be lighted through the night for one year, for an additional sum of one hundred dollars.

Should there be added more posts and lanterns, not exceeding ten in number, they shall be lighted without extra charge.

The Mayor or City Marshal may, whenever they deem it necessary, light or cause said Gas Light Co. to light the street lamps other than at such times as hereinbefore provided ; also, on special occasions cause them to burn through the entire night time without extra charge. All lamps shall be lighted before dusk and none extinguished before ten o'clock, p. m.

Said Gas Light Co. shall keep all posts and lanterns in thorough repair, furnish new burners, stop-cocks and glass when needed, also alcohol for keeping the pipes free from frost, and cause all lanterns to be cleaned at least four times during the year, for an additional sum of two hundred dollars ; provided, should any place require new posts or lanterns, it shall not be included in the aforesaid sum.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Dogs.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

Whenever, in the opinion of the Mayor and Aldermen, the public safety may require it, they may order that all dogs running at large in the city of Keene, shall be securely muzzled ; and after notice of such order shall have been posted up at three or more public places in said city, and until such order is revoked, it shall be the duty of every police officer to destroy all dogs which may be found by him running at large in violation of the provisions of said order.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Truant Officers.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the City Marshal, Chief of Police, and all the Police Officers of the City of Keene, be Truant Officers.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Fire Department.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department be authorized to take down the old fire alarm, and attach Stevens' fire alarm apparatus to the bell on city hall, after said committee are satisfied it will prove satisfactory.

Second. That the Committee be authorized to purchase one four-wheeled hose carriage, on the best terms possible, and that an additional appropriation of five hundred dollars be made for that purchase.

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting the use of Firearms and other Explosives.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

No person shall, within the limits of the city, fire or discharge any cannon, gun, pistol, or other firearms, or discharge any rockets, squibs, fire-crackers, grenades, or any preparation of gunpowder, except by permission of the Mayor and Aldermen, in writing, or shall make any bonfire, or improperly use or expose any friction matches, or knowingly raise or repeat any false cry of fire ; or, between the hours of 10 o'clock, P. M., and 4 o'clock, A. M., shall blow any horn or instrument, ring bells, or in any way disturb the peace. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be a fine not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than one dollar, and costs of prosecution.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to School Money.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the money required by law to be assessed in the City of Keene for support of schools, and the portion of the literary fund assigned to the city be apportioned among the school districts in said city, as follows, viz :—Seventy-five dollars, to be assigned to the several districts for each school therein, and the remainder to be apportioned according to the number of scholars in each district, respectively. And that the bal-

ance of the dog tax be retained in the treasury for the purpose of paying damages done to domestic animals, according to the statutes.

A JOINT RESOLUTION for Extension of Water Works.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the Water Commissioners be instructed to extend the water works by laying a two-inch pipe from Main street easterly, on Baker street, as far as the Towns place, on said street.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Assignments of Wages.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

SECTION 1. That no assignment of wages, by any of its officers, on the city shall be valid unless accepted in writing on the back thereof by the City Clerk. And the City Clerk is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the City all such orders.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Woodland Cemetery.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

SECTION 1. That the name "Woodland Cemetery" shall include and cover, not only the cemetery now known by that name, but also the land recently acquired by the city of the heirs of the late Thomas M. Edwards and of M. J. Sherman, which is hereby set apart for the burial of the dead.

SEC. 2. The general care and improvement of Woodland Cemetery shall be committed to a board of Trustees, to consist of three persons to be appointed by the City Councils, one of whom shall serve for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Each member shall subsequently be appointed during the month of January, and shall hold office for the term of three years, excepting in case of persons appointed to fill vacancies, arising from resignation or other cause, who shall hold office for the unexpired portion only of the term of the original appointee.

SEC. 3. The Board of Trustees shall elect from their number a chairman, who shall preside at their meetings; a Treasurer, who shall receive and disburse all moneys, and keep an accurate account thereof; and a Clerk, who shall keep a fair and faithful record of their doings. This board shall make an annual report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, on the first day of December, of the condition of all trust funds in their keeping, of all work done upon the cemetery, the amounts received and expended, and such other matters as may seem to them to be of general interest.

SEC. 4. The Trustees shall cause the cemetery to be properly enclosed, shall lay out and establish the grade of all avenues, walks and lots, and shall construct such as they shall deem advisable. They shall also, from time to time, cause an accurate survey of such portions into lots to be made as they may consider necessary for use, which, with their appraisal, shall be entered upon a plan of the whole cemetery, and so numbered that no two lots shall ever be numbered alike. They shall also set apart and designate by metes and bounds a portion of the cemetery as a common burial ground, in which others than owners of lots may be buried; and no lots in the same shall ever be sold, or enclosed, by any person. They shall have entire control of the planting, trimming, removing and cutting down of all trees and shrubs in the cemetery.

SEC. 5. They shall appraise every lot as surveyed, before the same shall be subject to sale. They shall also re-appraise the unsold lots from time to time, and no lot shall be sold for less than the appraisal. All moneys arising from the sale of lots shall be deposited each month in one of the savings banks in this city, and be kept as a distinct fund to be appropriated exclusively to improving and ornamenting the cemetery, and shall be drawn from the bank only by a vote of the Trustees for purposes specified in their vote.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall keep a plan of the cemetery, and also a record in numerical order of the lots, with separate columns ruled therein for the entry of the amount of the appraisal, the name of the purchaser, the date of sale, and an additional column for remarks.

SEC. 7. All applications for the purchase of lots in the

cemetery shall be made to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, who, upon receiving the amount of the appraisal, shall deliver to the purchaser a deed of the lot sold, signed by the Mayor, under the corporate seal of the city. But in no instance shall a deed of a lot be given until the full amount of the appraisal is paid. If payment is not made within ninety days after the selection of a lot by a purchaser, the lot shall be subject to sale or re-appraisal; and any lot now held or claimed by any person upon which the full amount of the appraisal has not been paid, shall be considered unsold, and subject to re-appraisal and sale as other unsold lots, if the amount of the appraisal shall remain unpaid ninety days after notice to that effect by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall have been given to the claimant of the lot.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to ascertain what lots, if any, have been sold and not secured to the purchasers by deed, or certificate, and if any, they shall cause titles to be secured to the holders of such lots upon being satisfied that the full amount of the appraisal has been paid.

SEC. 9. The Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to draw and expend such sums of money from the Woodland Cemetery fund as they may deem expedient to improve and ornament the cemetery, but shall have no power to pledge the credit of the city for any debts they may incur.

SEC. 10. The Board of Trustees shall receive for their services such sums as the City Councils shall allow them.

SEC. 11. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 12. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 1878.

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of Shade Trees.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

SECTION 1. No person shall be allowed to post any bills, advertisements, cards, or notices of any kind, upon any tree, placed or growing for ornament or use, in any yard, street, or square, within the limits of the city, without first obtaining the consent of the owners, or permission of the Mayor and Aldermen.

SEC. 2. No person shall be allowed to fasten or hitch any animal to any shade or ornamental tree, standing on any common, square, street, lane or avenue, within the limits of the city, except such as may have a hook or ring in it for the purpose of a public or private hitching place.

SEC. 3. No person shall be allowed to destroy or remove any shade or ornamental tree standing on any common, square, street or lane, within the limits of the city, without the permission of the Mayor and Aldermen.

SEC. 4. Any person violating any part of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of from one to five dollars.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after date of its passage.

GARDNER C. HILL, *President Common Council.*

E. FARRAR, *Mayor.*

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene :

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures, from December 1, 1876, to December 1, 1877, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debts.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS' AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

Keene Chair Co., chairs for Council Room,	\$10 00
F. B. Clark, painting,	4 75
W. B. Allen, printing,	9 50
J. J. Allen, recording,	3 85
G. W. Tilden, interest,	36 07
G. W. Todd. team,	22 50
Phineas Ball, sewerage work, 1876,	20 00
J. F. Nourse, stone work,	45 44
Enos Bigelow. water damage,	10 83
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
G. W. Sturtevant Estate, surveying, &c.,	300 00
Sanborn & Hubbard, repair cannon,	35 00
Keene Furniture Co., desk for Collector's office,	20 00
R. R. Powers, work on lock-up,	31 08
F. M. Hancock, painting "	19 50
Spencer & Co.,	28 86
W. F. Whitcomb, painting,	1 45

Bemis & Russell, brick and sand,	\$41 90
J. R. Livermore, work on wall north hall,	50 00
Thos. Wright, Overseer of Poor, Ward 2,	20 00
J. R. Livermore, work on pasture fence,	10 00
O. S. Gleason, work on north entrance to hall,	253 75
Dort & Chandler, stationery and duster,	3 88
H. P. Muchmore, Selectman Ward 3,	5 00
E. W. Gustine, gas burner and globes,	4 25
Estate T. M. Edwards, rent,	10.00
Humphrey Machine Co., work on lock-up,	* 143 50
R. R. Powers, " "	56 70
R. N. Whitney, Clerk, Ward 2,	5 00
Hosea Foster, Overseer Poor,	20 00
C. P. Felch, " "	20 00
Wyman Lawrence, Keeper, &c.,	5 50
Albert Wright, Selectman, Ward 2,	5 00
Social Union, furniture for library,	90 00
A. Smith, postage stamps,	2 50
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for hall and offices,	83 84
S. Hardy, Overseer Poor,	20 00
Cheshire Railroad, rent,	30 00
S. White, Overseer Poor,	100 00
S. B. Aldrich, Selectman, Ward 4,	5 00
Charles Chapman, " "	5 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	515 00
S. A. Carter, glassware,	2 67
A. Grimes, hack,	3 00
E. Farrar, salary as Police Justice,	100 00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
Davis, Wright & Co., work and stock on lock-up,	121 93
A. Trask, whitewashing,	10 61
P. Howland, trucking,	10 78
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	61 34
A. O. Fisk, Selectman, Ward 3,	5 00
W. H. Babbitt, " " 2,	5 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
Davis, Wright & Co.,	6 35
S. H. Taft, Selectman, Ward 1,	5 00
J. S. Taft, " "	5 00

W. W. Mason, wood,	\$14 00
L. W. Wright, Clerk, Ward 1,	5 00
F. A. Faulkner, salary as City Solicitor,	50 00
A. P. Little, surveying,	17 25
C. A. Gale. salary as Clerk of Council,	50 00
Daniel Darling. Selectman, Ward 4,	5 00
J. F. Emmons. Clerk, Ward 4,	5 00
L. Martin. team.	23 00
J. N. Morse, printing,	46 50
E. Ayer, repairing guns.	1 80
Sanborn & Hubbard, work on lock-up,	51 15
W. B. Downer, coal hod,	75
S. A. Morse, Clerk, Ward 5.	5 00
D. Buss & Co.. sticks for cemetery,	13 50
Spencer & Co.. coal,	6 37
Spencer & Co., coal for library,	17 72
A. J. Williams, Selectman, Ward 5,	5 00
A. O'Brien. " 5,	5 00
Geo. E. Poole, " 2,	5 00
Spencer & Co., coal,	15 42
J. H. Smith. Selectman, Ward 5.	5 00
B. F. Foster, work on burying ground,	5 00
L. C. Darling, Clerk, Ward 3,	5 00
Barrett. Ball & Co., brick,	5 50
R. R. Powers, work on lock-up,	52 75
James Donnelly. "	67 93
Davis, Wright & Co., work and iron for lock-up,	71 74
O. S. Gleason, work on lock-up,	179 45
Knowlton & Stone. hardware and paints,	7 51
Bemis & Russell. brick and sand,	35 00
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	32 89
Knowlton & Stone, hardware and paints,	37 29
J. Donnelly. plumbing. lock-up,	9 59
G. W. Tilden, salary as Treasurer,	50 00
Keene National Bank, interest on overdraft,	82 13
Hitchcock & Kirk. stove for lock-up,	24 24
F. M. Hancock, painting lock-up,	33 43
L. L. Hathorn, work on hall roof,	6 00
W. F. Whitecomb, paint,	82

N. G. Woodbury & Co., mattress for lock-up,	\$19 65
J. C. Rice, food for parties under arrest,	46 13
E. R. Locke, blankets, &c., for lock-up,	37 08
W. P. Abbott, work on lock-up,	25 00
Howland & Son, trucking,	1 75
M. Armstrong, plumbing at hall,	3 75
O. Starkey, Health Commissioner,	20 00
Hosea Foster, Health Commissioner,	20 00
Ira F. Prouty, " "	20 00
Howland & Son, trucking,	6 41
W. B. Allen, printing,	11 00
A. Smith, postage stamps,	1 98
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery,	27 71
Geo. F. Cheever, use of room, Ward 1,	7 50
C. A. Morse, Clerk, Ward 5,	5 00
Mrs. M. Edwards, rent of land,	10 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
J. Holmes Leach, salary as City Physician,	31 25
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	159 50
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
Board of Education,	180 00
D. W. Gilbert, Superintendent of Schools,	65 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for library,	6 80
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for hall and offices,	46 40
James Donnelly, plumbing,	4 14
John Humphrey, Selectman, Ward 1.	5 00
Cyrus Piper, salary as Librarian,	150 00
R. Hyland, Moderator, Ward 5.	2 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery.	4 80
D. Hamilton, rent.	75
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	25 00
J. R. Livermore, work on wall north of hall,	63 25
T. Colony, rent of room for library,	260 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal for hall and offices,	32 23
J. S. Taft & Co., spittoons,	3 25
F. B. Clark, painting,	2 25
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	6 62
Blake & Mason, directory.	1 50

W. E. Cole, report of births,	\$ 2 00
E. Barton, damage to sled,	3 00
A. T. Wilder, Assessor, Ward 3,	180 00
S. Spaulding, " " 2,	138 50
L. Martin, " " 5,	126 50
J. W. Babbitt, " " 1,	120 00
Charles Abbott, " " 4,	92 00
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	3 00
E. R. Locke, " "	1 75
Davis, Wright & Co., work on stove,	7 25
Post Office, stamps,	2 01
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	1 75
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
P. Howland & Son, trucking,	9 27
Keene Water Works, water for hall building,	51 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
J. H. Leach, salary as City Physician,	37 50
Mrs. H. M. Edwards, rent of land,	10 00
N. G. Woodbury & Co., mattress,	3 50
O. S. Gleason, work on hall,	49 50
Cheshire House, use of hall for elections,	30 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	20 80
J. N. Morse, printing,	50 80
B. F. Allen, supporting watering trough,	3 00
F. M. Hancock, painting,	7 10
J. S. Kinsman & Son, masonry work at town hall,	23 15
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	12 40
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	9 78
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, curtains for library,	10 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery,	8 53
S. A. Carter, pitcher, &c.,	50
H. Colony, table for library,	6 00
R. R. Powers, work on hall,	30 90
D. A. Newton, painting hall,	25 75
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery, &c.,	36 90
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	6 15
Amos Ross, bounty on hawk,	20
A. A. Bundy, covering door at hall,	8 70

E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	\$ 4 50
E. Farrar, salary as Mayor,	50 00
P. Howland, salary as City Messenger,	50 00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	87 50
J. H. Leach, salary as City Physician,	37 50
Henry Emerson, over-paid tax, 1873,	58 26
H. P. Muchmore, use of shop for election,	10 00
Mrs. M. H. Edwards, land rent,	10 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for hall, offices and library,	48 80
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work on library shelves, and lumber,	10 25
E. Brooks, salary as Librarian,	151 20
J. G. Warren, rent of library room,	73 20
A. P. Little, surveying in cemetery,	271 50
A. Kidder, work in cemetery,	12 05
I. Rand, " "	2 25
A. Kingsbury, bounty on fox,	50
G. F. Starkweather, insurance on city hall,	50 00
E. R. Locke, food for persons under arrest,	1 25
E. R. Locke, supplies in lock-up,	8 25
Knowlton & Stone, paint, &c., for hall,	36 87
A. Kingsbury, painting engine houses,	50 68
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	\$7,524 04
Balance of appropriation, Dec. 1, 1876, \$	532 54
Amount appropriated by Councils,	8,800 00
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	\$9,332 54

CITY PAUPERS.

W. Hutchinson,	\$10 40
E. Lynch,	4 56
Lyman Gay, groceries,	9 96
C. Bridgman, "	24 05
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	13 49
W. O. Willson, boots and shoes,	5 90
C. G. Shedd & Co., boots and shoes.	2 00
J. C. Rice,	24 00
D. Russell, team,	3 25
M. T. Tottingham, coffin, &c.,	16 00

A. Kidder, Sexton, service.	\$4 00
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	5 48
J. C. Rice, food and care,	25 25
S. White,	22 32
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	32 41
S. W. Howard, shoes.	1 85
G. B. Buffum, wood,	7 50
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
C. Bridgman, groceries.	22 65
Hitchcock & Kirk, repair boiler,	1 50
G. B. Twitchell, medical attendance,	64 50
P. B. Hayward & Co., crackers, &c.,	4 50
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 50
C. McDuffie & Co., meat,	70
R. Griffith, trucking,	2 50
F. O. Nims, rent,	36 00
P. Howland & Son, trucking,	5 00
E. Clark, books,	16 04
C. G. Shedd & Co., shoes.	3 65
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	26 83
A. J. Williams, wood,	10 00
S. Spaulding, shoes,	2 25
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 50
N. H. Insane Asylum,	57 77
G. G. Newcomb, wood,	4 00
W. W. Mason, “	8 00
S. W. Howard, shoes,	7 30
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
State Reform School,	134 00
C. Bridgman, groceries.	58 44
J. C. Rice,	14 50
G. C. Hill, medical fees.	5 00
Jackson & Co., meat.	2 30
S. Spaulding, dry goods,	65
A. J. Williams, wood.	4 00
C. Bridgman, groceries.	30 00
L. Gay, “	10
W. O. Willson, shoes,	3 25
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 63

Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	\$ 5 65
W. & T. J. French, “	22 00
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 65
S. W. Raymond, moving goods of Barrett,	6 00
S. A. Carter, coffin,	14 00
R. Griffith, trucking wood,	3 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, &c.,	79 14
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	34 92
C. Bridgman, “	10 00
S. Spaulding, shoes,	3 90
Bancroft & Griswold, meat,	1 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	2 25
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, dry goods,	3 00
J. Adams & Co., meat,	2 00
A. J. Williams, wood,	4 00
J. Adams & Co., meat,	2 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
W. W. Mason, wood,	23 75
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	28 00
A. J. Williams, wood,	2 00
County of Cheshire, keeping persons at farm,	46 08
W. H. Spalter & Co., books,	20 33
N. H. Insane Asylum,	53 37
Mary Noonan, care of Miss Billings,	9 00
Warren Bissell,	1 50
Kate Sullivan,	19 00
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	2 00
W. H. Lewis, coffin,	7 00
J. Adams & Co., meat,	3 50
C. Bridgman, groceries,	5 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	13 40
State Reform School,	104 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	17 62
Spencer & Co., coal,	4 50
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 50
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	18 18
A. Kidder, Sexton, service,	15 00
W. O. Willson, shoes,	2 60
L. Martin, team,	3 00

Seward, Willard & Co., clothing,	\$ 75
M. J. Sherman, board of J. Q. Davis,	20 00
D. M. Nichols, wood,	2 25
W. H. Lewis, coffin,	7 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	5 00
Seward, Willard & Co., clothing,	8 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	16 50
C. G. Britton, milk,	2 70
Kate Sullivan,	5 00
Geo. F. Cheever,	10 50
F. O. Nims, rent,	24 00
O. N. Powers, care of Davis,	28 50
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	13 47
A. H. Hamblett, care of Conley,	14 00
M. T. Tottingham, coffin,	8 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	17 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	16 00
State Reform School,	156 00
N. H. Asylum for Insane,	65 86
C. Bridgman, groceries,	28 26
L. Nims, rent,	8 00
A. H. Hamblett, support of Conley,	14 00
G. B. Twitchell, medical fees,	3 00
A. J. Williams, wood,	2 00
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	3 55
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	8 00
W. H. Spalter, books,	20 36
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	1 90
A. H. Hamblett, board of Conley,	14 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	10 15
D. M. Nichols, wood,	5 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	12 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books,	6 77
S. Spaulding, shoes,	3 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	24 03
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	1 15
A. H. Hamblett, board of Conley,	14 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	12 00
E. Clark, books, &c.,	8 31

S. Spaulding, shoes,	\$1 40
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing,	1 30
S. L. Randall, dry goods,	58
N. H. Insane Asylum,	98 02
W. B. Fitch, wood,	15 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	11 06
S. Spaulding, shoes,	2 40
Seward, Willard & Co., clothing,	50
State Reform School,	53 36
A. H. Hamblett, board of Conley,	17 50
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	10 50
L. Bridge, wood,	7 92
L. Gay, groceries.	22 16
Dort & Chandler, medicine,	52 86
Hyland & Dort, medicine,	9 50
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	\$2,283 87

COUNTY PAUPERS.

S. Raymond, support of Raymond,	\$ 3 33
Contingent Fund, railroad fares,	22 70
L. Gay, groceries,	8 56
C. Bridgman, groceries,	37 61
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	26 48
W. & A. E. Metcalf,	6 00
Ira W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 56
M. McLaughlin, support child,	6 42
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 36
W. H. Ellis, support Thomas Ellis,	3 20
S. Raymond, support Raymond,	3 20
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 65
A. Kidder, sexton services,	4 00
M. L. Fairfield,	4 50
David Russell, teams,	11 50
Shubael White,	20 00
Contingent Fund, railroad fares,	12 80
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard.	5 54
S. W. Howard, shoes,	6 00
M. McLaughlin, support child,	6 63

G. B. Buffum, wood,	\$18 75
C. Bridgman, groceries,	51 43
C. O. McDuffee, meat,	44
G. C. Hill, medical services,	12 75
W. H. Ellis, support Thomas Ellis,	3 33
Ira W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 84
J. Adams & Co., meat,	50
A. Kidder, sexton services,	2 00
J. M. Farnum, groceries,	1 68
P. Howland & Son, trucking,	4 10
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	51 81
David Wright, wood,	3 75
Mason Guillow, wood,	4 22
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	27 72
A. J. Williams, wood,	8 00
S. Spaulding, boots and shoes	8 65
E. Barton, wood,	6 00
N. H. Insane Asylum,	54 54
J. Whitney, railroad fares,	8 20
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	6 82
W. W. Mason, wood,	8 50
N. G. Woodbury,	4 00
State Reform School,	49 71
O. J. Howard, support of Mrs. Sawin,	6 64
G. C. Hill, medical services,	3 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	107 41
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	35 74
A. J. Williams, wood,	6 00
G. C. Hill, medical services,	6 00
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 00
L. Gay, groceries,	3 73
C. O. McDuffee, meat,	84
W. O. Willson, shoes,	2 50
H. S. Hodgkins, wood,	6 25
Dunbar & Whitcomb, clothing,	4 00
M. McLaughlin, support child,	12 64
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	16 83
W. H. Ellis, support Thomas Ellis,	6 11
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	10 54

Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	\$ 31 32
C. Bridgman, groceries,	115 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	46 24
M. McLaughlin, support child,	6 64
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 67
W. W. Mason, wood,	59 25
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	4 50
J. Adams & Co., meat,	3 00
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 54
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	26 76
E. R. Locke, food for tramps,	91 50
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 85
A. J. Williams, wood,	6 00
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 53
W. W. Mason, wood,	6 50
N. H. Insane Asylum,	54 25
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 21
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 57
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 36
J. R. Beal, clothing,	1 35
M. McLaughlin, support child,	3 21
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 43
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	63 14
State Reform School,	78 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	34 58
Mrs. R. Taylor, rent,	24 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	1 50
E. W. Greenwood, milk,	2 37
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 04
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 86
M. McLaughlin, support child,	5 47
A. Kidder, sexton,	2 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	32 50
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	22 02
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 64
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 53
A. H. Grimes, groceries.	12 59
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 43
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 57

M. McLaughlin, support child,	\$4 29
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	6 00
W. H. Ellis support T. Ellis.	3 49
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 36
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	21 95
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	14 50
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 32
I. W. Russell, support A. Cheney,	8 86
M. McLaughlin, support child,	4 42
R. P. Leonard, support W. Leonard,	5 54
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 65
N. H. Insane Asylum,	54 67
C. Bridgman, groceries,	12 68
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	27 86
Jackson & Darling, meats,	4 85
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	25 00
O. J. Howard, support Mrs. Sawin,	6 63
Geo. B. Twitchell, medical services,	15 00
D. M. Nichols, wood,	2 25
C. Bridgman, groceries,	30 68
W. H. Ellis, support T. Ellis,	3 32
R. P. Leonard, for W. Leonard,	5 54
M. McLaughlin, for child,	4 43
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	27 56
I. W. Russell, for A. Cheney,	8 86
R. P. Leonard, for W. Leonard,	5 36
M. T. Tottingham, coffin, &c.,	13 50
Seward, Willard & Co., clothes,	15 80
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 75
Mrs. J. B. Burns, care of Miss Ames,	42 45
Contingent fund, railroad fares,	51 85
O. J. Howard, for Mrs. Sawin,	6 42
W. H. Ellis, for T. Ellis,	3 21
Ira W. Russell, for A. Cheney,	8 58
M. McLaughlin, for child,	4 29
H. R. Raymond,	5 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	19 79
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	23 49
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	44 00

Mrs. R. Taylor, rent,	\$28 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	2 30
I. W. Russell, for A. Cheney,	8 86
M. McLaughlin, for child,	4 43
R. P. Leonard, for W. Leonard,	5 54
W. H. Ellis, for T. Ellis,	3 32
O. J. Howard, for Mrs. Sawin,	6 63
N. H. Insane Asylum,	55 68
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	26 25
W. B. Fitch, wood,	3 25
Dort & Chandler, medicines,	75
A. Kidder, Sexton,	5 00
M. T. Tottingham, coffin,	8 50
J. Lahiff, Sexton,	4 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	5 96
State Reform School,	51 00
H. Hamblett, moving Sherman family,	15 65
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	16 35
M. T. Tottingham, coffin, &c.,	8 50
S. Spaulding, shoes,	4 25
A. H. Hamblett, goods for Sherman,	4 30
G. J. Appleton & Co., medicine,	6 00
Ben Morrow, care of Sherman,	18 00
S. A. Morse, milk,	3 65
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	23 17
D. E. Ladd & Co., clothing,	8 75
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	19 78
Contingent fund, railroad fares,	5 10
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	30 50
O. J. Howard, support of Mrs. Sawin,	6 44
Hyland & Dort, medicines,	29 59
L. Gay, groceries,	13 94
A. J. Williams, wood,	8 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	16 00
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Balance appropriated Dec. 1, 1876,	\$ 563 54
Amount appropriated in 1877,	2,500 00
Received from County, April, 1877,	1,159 55
“ “ October, 1877,	989 70
“ Milford,	14 14
	<hr/> \$5,226 93

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

J. D. Colony, use of horse in 1875,	\$125 00
J. R. Livermore, bill for December, 1876,	367 24
J. R. Livermore, bill for 1877,	5,627 28
J. R. Livermore, salary, and use of horse,	537 50
B. F. Foster, work on highway,	6 00
D. C. Fogg, gravel, 1876,	11 25
L. Bridge, work with team, 1876,	7 05
J. C. Field, stone work, 1876,	5 00
A. P. Little, engineering, 1877,	2 00
W. H. Spalter, stationery,	40
E. W. Gustine, street crossing, 1876,	148 14

ISLAND STREET BRIDGE.

A. P. Little, surveying for abutments,	48 35
Nourse & Dean, laying abutments,	1,064 00
J. D. Crehore, engineering,	25 00
W. U. Telegraph Co.,	42
Mosley, Wheelwright & Co., lumber,	91 99
Cheshire railroad Co., freight,	30 40
King Iron Bridge Co., bridge,	1,200 00
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	\$9,296 93

Balance of appropriation, Dec. 1, 1876, \$ 220 63

Amount appropriated, 9,500 00

Amount received from King Bridge Co.

for lumber, 119 00

\$9,839 63

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Wright & Wilkinson, repair hose, &c.,	\$3 20
S. S. Wilkinson, repair belt,	90
L. J. Barrett, year's pay,	9 50
L. W. Cumings, refreshments,	10 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	25 50
J. Kingsbury, work on hydrants, &c.,	31 38
J. M. Herrick, repair belts, &c.,	5 30
J. F. Danforth, refreshments,	17 65
O. A. Pike, “	13 20

D. Buss & Co., work and lumber,	\$20 20
E. R. Geer, repair hose, &c.,	19 75
Dort & Chandler, brush, &c.,	5 20
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for engine house,	22 58
Gay & Whitcomb, paint,	2 50
Sanborn & Hubbard, work on fire alarm, &c.,	61 63
Sanborn & Hubbard,	69 94
F. Harmon, year's pay,	7 25
F. A. White, Engineer, pay, &c.,	36 75
Charles Abbott, " "	27 50
Geo. E. Bradford, " "	25 00
Geo. D. Wheelock, " "	30 75
W. H. Babbitt, Chief Engineer,	30 00
A. O. Fisk, Engineer, pay,	25 00
H. H. Barker, " " &c.,	30 00
A. R. Mason, refreshments,	3 60
Amidon & Chase,	1 25
Treasurer Deluge Co.,	2 25
M. T. Tottingham, painting and curtains,	26 32
Davis, Wright & Co., Stove, &c.,	22 54
D. W. Brooks, ringing bell,	9 75
C. Bridgman, groceries,	16 40
J. N. Morse, printing,	2 00
W. W. Mason, wood,	6 00
Spencer & Co., coal,	1 65
H. O. Brooks,	7 12
F. W. Nims, care engine house,	2 00
Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,	62
M. Roach, care engine house,	3 60
W. B. Allen, printing,	6 50
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, oil, &c.,	28 24
G. H. Tilden, stationery,	4 25
Keene Furniture Co.,	2 90
J. Coffy, care engine house,	16 00
B. F. Skiff, " "	15 00
J. W. Murphy, " "	23 25
E. P. Carrigan, " "	15 00
H. O'Dowd, " "	2 50
G. E. Forbes, " "	4 00

Joint Standing Com. Fire Dep't, fire alarm and hose carriage,	\$23 00
Blake Hose Co., hose,	91 27
R. R. Powers,	11 10
Phelps Brothers, repairs,	2 00
Howland & Son, trucking,	50
J. Boyd & Son,	15 00
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight bill,	14 55
Hunneeman & Co.,	8 00
J. T. Ryan, hose carriage,	700 00
J. S. Smith, ladder,	150 00
Express Co.,	1 15
E. Davis, painting alarm,	5 50
Geo. M. Stevens, fire alarm,	159 68
A. R. & E. S. Foster, putting up alarm,	78 14
Drugg & Reed, refreshments,	15 00
Amidon & Chase,	4 93
W. U. Telegraph Co.,	72
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	26 04
O. D. Pratt, use of horse to fire,	2 00
Neptune Hose Co., pay-roll,	190 00
Deluge Engine Co., “	380 00
Phoenix Hose Co., “	190 00
Washington Hook & Ladder Co., pay-roll,	173 45
A. Pettengill, repairs,	1 50
H. Joslin, use of horse to fire,	1 50
Keene Gas Co.,	4 00
A. Gale, refreshments,	8 00
L. Martin, use of horse to fires,	25 00

\$3,035 45

Amount appropriated Feb. 7, 1877,	\$2,000 00
“ May 2, “	500 00
“ Oct. 10, “	800 00
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	\$3,300 00

STREET LAMPS.

Keene Gas Light Co.,	\$1,750 00
Davis, Wright & Co., lamps and posts,	22 00

Balance, Dec. 1, 1876,	\$375 00	
Amount appropriated,	1,700 00	
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Fleetwood & Hayes, bill,		\$6 50
Comstock & Cline, “		12 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., “		842 76
C. B. Fairchild, “		20 00
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		\$881 26
Balance of appropriations, 1876,	\$404 93	
Amount appropriated February, 1877,	500 00	
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LAND DAMAGES.

Cheshire Railroad,		\$50 00
Asa Cole,		40 00
N. G. Joslin,		1 00
Kate O. Ellis,		3 57
Hattie F. Goodnow,		3 57
J. E. Jones,		3 57
S. M. Richardson,		3 57
M. E. Whitcomb,		3 57
H. C. Goodnow,		3 57
Daniel C. Goodnow,		3 58
John Butler,		1 00
Faulkner & Colony,		1 00
Union School District,		1 00
D. W. Beckley,		205 60
Crossfield & Wellington,		109 83
G. C. Hill,		45 00
V. A. Wright,		1 00
C. A. Gale,		1 00
Hope Steam Mills,		232 19
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		\$743 62

EXTENSION OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

Heirs of T. M. Edwards,	\$552 42
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SCHOOLS.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
District No. 1,	\$9,225 08	\$7,000 00
“ 2,	300 21	200 00
“ 3,	201 68	135 00
“ 4,	117 22	117 22
“ 5,	131 30	44 00
“ 6,	173 52	120 00
“ 7,	152 41	152 41
“ 8,	110 18	110 18
“ 9,	152 41	152 41
“ 10,	363 55	268 34
“ 11,	138 34	138 34
Marlboro' Dist.,	5 45	5 45
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	\$11,071 35	\$8,443 35
Bal. in Treasury, Dec. 1, 1876,	5,934 90	593 49
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	\$17,006 25	\$9,036 84

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount assessed for High School Building,	\$10,000 00
Amount raised for interest,	2,000 00
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	\$12,000 00
Amount paid Treasurer of District,	\$12,000 00

SIMMONS FUND.

Miss H. Billings,	\$12 00
Miss Ellis,	12 00
Mrs. A. Cummings,	5 00
Mrs. R. M. Brown,	5 00
Mrs. A. Read,	10 00
Miss E. Hall,	10 00
Eben Cheney,	10 00
Miss K. Billings,	10 00
Mrs. Hastings,	12 00
Mrs. Jane Tufts,	10 00
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	\$96 00

Balance, Dec. 1, 1876,	\$37 00	
Amount of Interest, 1877,	60 00	
		<u>\$97 00</u>

MINISTERIAL FUND.

W. O. White,	\$23 93
W. H. Eaton,	23 93
G. W. Brown,	23 93
C. Richardson,	23 93
G. W. Norris,	23 93
J. A. Leach,	23 93
W. W. Hayward,	23 93
P. Holahan,	23 93
Amount of interest,	<u>\$191 44</u>

DECORATION DAY.

J. L. Bolster, committee,	\$100 00
Amount appropriated,	<u>\$100 00</u>

WATER WORKS.

A. H. Hamblett, bill 1876,	\$11 31
J. R. Beal, bill, 1876,	8 04
Keene Furniture Co., hydrant boxes, 1876,	3 50
Humphrey Machine Co., bill,	55 62
Sentinel Printing Co., bill,	10 25
Knowlton & Stone, bill,	54 85
J. G. Griffith, bill,	2 50
L. Holmes, salary as Superintendent,	500 00
L. Holmes, Sup't, work on repairs,	66 06
Fisher & Downer, bill,	11 33
Spaulding & Hardy, cloth,	65
J. & F. French, cloth,	1 12
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery, &c.,	30 50
Mrs. N. R. Cooke, bill,	5 00
D. M. Nichols, bill,	7 75
E. Joslin, salary as Commissioner, 1875 and '76,	60 00
J. Humphrey, salary, 1876,	30 00
D. H. Holbrook, salary, 1875 and '76,	47 50
L. Holmes, repairs,	123 88
	<u>\$1,029 86</u>

WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

E. Gustine, laying pipe, Baker street,	\$273 00
Humphrey Machine Co., bill,	85 00
L. Holmes, construction work,	116 83
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	\$474 83

POLICE.

L. Holmes, police service, 1876,	\$ 6 00
Amos Gale, " 1876, '77,	157 50
George Kellogg, " "	735 75
J. Staples, " "	270 29
J. A. Cressey, " "	20 25
J. Kirkpatrick, " 1876,	5 62
L. Bridge, " "	45 00
L. P. Dean, " "	5 87
P. C. Butler, " "	13 50
F. C. Hardy, " "	28 26
J. R. Rogers, " "	4 50
S. L. Babcock, Marshal, 1876,	27 45
E. R. Locke, Marshal and Police,	744 60
W. U. Telegraph Co.,	1 16
J. J. Tower, caps, &c., 1876,	13 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	5 27
F. B. Clark, painting,	3 50
Keene Gas Light Co.,	13 60
H. R. Ward, police service, 1876,	1 80
Charles Holton, " "	4 50
O. R. Wardwell, " "	2 25
S. S. Wilkinson, " "	2 25
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	\$2,111 92

Amount appropriated, 1877, \$2,500 00.

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of L. C. Doolittle, rents, &c.,	\$1,137 00
“ “ licenses,	50 00
“ P. Howland, Messenger,	464 00
“ E. Farrar, Police Court fees,	126 00
“ “ tender to Hope Steam Mills for land damage,	100 00
“ E. Farrar, tender to D. W. Beckley for land damage,	80 00
“ J. R. Livermore, city pasture, 1876,	166 20
“ Cyrus Piper, public library,	28 29
“ Eli Brooks, “	44 76
“ Interest on N. H. State bonds,	432 00
“ State bonds sold, \$10,000,	11,055 00
“ County, on pauper account,	2,149 25
“ Town of Milford, on pauper account,	14 14
“ Lewis Holmes, Sup't Water Works,	6,750 00
“ Collector, 1875 taxes,	1,600 00
“ “ 1876 “	15,000 00
“ “ 1877 “	56,500 00
“ T. S. Fellows, reimbursement for aid furnished,	6 00
“ Wm. Gleason, “ “ “	10 04
“ James Foley, “ “ “	12 56
“ Henry Estey, interest and payment of note,	265 60
“ King Bridge Co., lumber,	119 00
	\$96,109 84

EXPENDITURES.

County Tax,	\$9,645 96
Ordinary city charges,	7,480 55
City paupers,	2,217 00
County paupers,	2,728 80
Highways and bridges,	9,296 93

Fire Department,	\$3,033 45
Lighting street lamps,	1,772 00
Public Library,	881 26
Land damages,	788 62
Extension Woodland Cemetery,	552 42
Schools,	15,525 89
Union School District,	12,000 00
Simmons Fund,	96 00
Decoration Day,	100 00
Repairing water works,	1,043 57
Extension “	474 83
Police,	2,238 87
Interest on water loan,	9,270 00
Town bonds and interest,	9,288 00
Balance due City Treasurer for over-drafts,	1,290 99
Balance due “ interest on over-drafts,	25 87
Ministerial Fund,	191 44
Outstanding orders,	114 41
Balance in treasury,	6,052 98
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	\$96,109 84

ASSETS DECEMBER 1, 1877.

State bonds,	\$2,200 00
Note and interest, Henry O. Esty,	1,664 00
Due from State Treasurer,	1,311 39
“ Water Works,	662 85
“ Collector, 1873,	1,300 00
“ “ 1874,	1,414 00
“ “ 1875,	629 42
“ “ 1876,	6,731 65
“ “ 1877,	14,372 70
Balance in Treasury Dec. 1, 1877,	6,052 98
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	\$36,338 99

INDEBTEDNESS.

Town bonds,	\$3,000 00
Town note,	200 00
Unpaid orders outstanding,	7 92
Nourse & Dean,	270 88
King Bridge Co., estimated,	100 00
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	\$3,578 80
Water loan,	155,000 00
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	\$158,578 80

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY.

City Hall building,	\$25,000 00
Furniture,	800 00
Fire Department,	10,000 00
Pasture,	4,000 00
Tools and supplies, Keene Water Works,	652 70
Tools and supplies, Highways,	100 00
Liquors,	371 09
City Marshal's office,	154 57
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	\$41,078 36

We have examined the Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are duly authenticated by appropriate vouchers, and that the several items are correctly cast.

E. FARRAR,
H. S. MARTIN,
EDW. C. THAYER,
JASON FRENCH.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, and recommend that the same be raised by taxation, viz:

For Highways and Bridges,	\$7,000 00
Ordinary City Charges,	4,400 00
Fire Department,	2,000 00
City Paupers,	2,500 00
Interest on Water Loan,	3,000 00
Public Library,	500 00
Lighting Street Lamps,	1,600 00
Police,	2,000 00
Town Debt and Interest,	3,000 00
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	\$26,000 00

For the support of Schools and State and County taxes, the amounts required by law.

E. FARRAR,
H. S. MARTIN,
EDW. C. THAYER,
JASON FRENCH,

Committee on Finance.

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

KEENE, DEC. 1, 1877.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Keene:

GENTLEMEN: The repairs on the highways and sidewalks during the Winter were very many, and the expenses unavoidably large.

In the Spring the roads were in a fair condition, that is, there were no great "washouts" on any one; so that, generally, all were put and kept in very good order, with less outlay than in the preceding year, if we except the work done on Island street.

The following are some of the improvements that have been made:

OLD STREETS—particular repairs.

ROXBURY—graded with river gravel, and sidewalk covered with rotten stone.

DUNBAR—East end covered with Branch gravel, and sewer extended 164 feet.

CHURCH—sidewalk raised, covered with rotten stone, and a curbstone put in from Main street to Duffy's building.

BEAVER—improved from Washington street to the New Cemetery.

MAIN—above the railroad has been much improved by raising with Branch gravel, and by building a stone crossing from Church street to Lamson's Block.

NEW STREETS MADE—Woodburn, Butler's court, East end George street, Street from George street to New Cemetery, South end of Island street.

CASH ACCOUNT, DEC. 1, 1877.

AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Jan. 2.	Received of City Treasurer,	\$293 28
..	.. ..	125 00
April 3.	.. ..	364 42
..	.. ..	137 50
May 10.	.. ..	341 10
June 6.	.. ..	946 33
July 5.	1,056 25
..	137 50
Aug. 8.	645 99
Sept. 5.	298 89
Oct. 3.	137 50
..	347 95
Nov. 9.	521 57
Dec. 5.	811 50
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		\$6,164 78

EXPENDITURES.

December, 1876 :

Team work for December,	\$99 20
Labor pay roll,	58 00
Edward Hatch, team and labor,	3 00
L. Joslin, labor and sand,	2 50
W.A.Barrett & Co., scraping sidewalk & shoveling snow,	10 50
W. H. Abbott,	4 50
W. Mason,	10 00
S. Colburn,	6 00
J. R. Livermore, snowing bridge,	2 00
Howland & Son, scraping sidewalk and shoveling snow,	13 00
J. Kingsbury,	6 30
L. Holmes,	5 24
C. W. Wilcox, filing saws,	40
Sanborn & Hubbard, repairing mower,	2 00
George T. Cobb, filing saws,	80
C. Mason, plank and bridge stringers,	30 00
D. Buss, lumber and labor,	21 44
A. R. & E. S. Foster, railing,	5 00

F. D. Reed, care Old Walpole road to his farm, 1 year,	\$5 00
A. G. Nims, care D. Thompson road, to his farm,	5 00
W. W. Mason, sand,	3 40
Jan. 1 to April 1, 1877 :	
J. R. Livermore, salary, one quarter,	125 00
J. H. Robbins and men, work,	40 50
“ teams, work,	5 77
“ “	3 44
Thos. Grimes, 5 days' work,	6 25
Thos. Grimes, 436 feet bridge plank,	3 72
Geo. W. Whitehouse, 18 hours,	2 70
E. S. Ellis, men and teams, 4 days,	19 50
Ashley Mason, work, 8 hours,	2 00
Amos Ross, work, 4 days,	6 00
C. Heaton, shoveling snow and cutting ice,	8 50
J. Lawrence, work with team, 3½ days,	14 00
P. Howland & Son, snowing bridges, breaking out side-walks and carting snow,	18 75
E. H. Wright, breaking roads and cutting ice,	8 00
L. P. Petts, breaking roads and cutting ice,	3 75
D. Stearns, work on road with teams and breaking roads,	11 00
J. Kingsbury, shoveling snow and clearing walk,	8 75
B. Foster, “	12 50
H. O. Estey, breaking roads, 5 days and 5½ hours,	16 65
J. W. Nye, breaking roads and turning water,	2 10
M. S. Buckminster, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	13 42
D. Darling, breaking roads,	12 00
C. Abbott, plank and work on roads,	12 58
S. Gurler, work on roads,	5 00
E. A. Nims, breaking roads and shoveling snow,	26 82
L. Holmes, clearing sidewalks,	4 37
W. H. Abbott, “	4 75
W. A. Barrett & Co., clearing sidewalks,	7 25
Bill of J. R. Livermore, breaking roads, shoveling snow, plowing sidewalks, and work on roads,	30 65
Bill of J. Reason, shoveling snow,	9 33
J. Donahue, “	16 00
P. Earle, “	3 65
A. G. Harkness, painting and lettering sign,	10 00

Bemis & Russell, clay,	\$3 60
Ed. S. Ellis, work on highway with team.	6 85
H. P. Ellis, " "	4 27
April 1 to Dec. 1, 1877.	
J. R. Livermore, one quarter's salary,	125 00
" use of driving horse,	12 50
Team work for April,	173 39
Labor pay roll for April,	137 60
Bill of W. W. Mason, breaking out sidewalks in Jan.,	10 00
E. W. Gunn, work 8 hours breaking out roads in Dec. 1876 and Jan. 1877.	3 00
E. N. Gunn, work 13 hours with oxen,	6 20
A. E. Metcalf, painting posts and guide boards,	2 50
J. G. Griffith, blacksmithing,	8 41
Team work for May,	417 60
Labor pay roll for May,	362 26
Bill of W. Dickinson, 352 loads gravel,	35 20
Cheshire Provident Institution, 103 loads gravel,	10 30
Wyman & Russell, 946 feet lumber,	94 66
C. N. Wilder, labor,	12 00
Ray Bros., "	12 96
O. Seward, drawing plank.	1 35
Team work for June,	480 24
Labor pay roll for June,	346 23
Bill of Howland & Son, trucking.	75
H. Giffin, "	1 50
D. Reed, stone,	48 20
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight bills,	24 71
Bill of Spencer & Co., hardware, &c.,	18 29
O. S. Gleason, work and lumber.	9 60
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, &c.,	19 23
E. S. Ellis, work on roads,	32 30
C. H. Abbott, "	24 45
I. Curtis, "	50 75
J. R. Livermore, one quarter's salary,	125 00
J. R. Livermore, use of driving horse,	12 50
Team work for July,	261 66
Labor pay roll,	283 24
Bill of H. M. Nims, work and sand,	28 88

S. Gurler, work and sand,	\$37 50
Henry O. Esty, “	4 50
Ray Brothers, blacksmithing,	7 51
W. Dickinson, 165 loads gravel,	16 50
N. G. Woodbury, 100 loads gravel,	5 00
C. Pressler, 8 loads gravel,	1 20
Team work for August,	127 49
Labor pay roll for August,	171 40
Team work for September,	167 16
Labor pay roll for September,	109 93
Bill of W. Dickinson, 80 loads sand,	8 00
R. Richardson, 50 loads gravel,	7 50
J. Smith, 46 loads sand,	3 68
H. W. Clapp, sewerage,	42 00
Cheshire Railroad Company, freight,	2 35
Ray Brothers, blacksmithing,	7 33
J. R. Livermore, one quarter's salary,	125 00
J. R. Livermore, use of horse,	12 50
Team work for October,	296 42
Labor pay roll for October,	153 06
Bill of O. Seward, trucking,	1 35
Sanborn & Hubbard,	27 72
Rufus S. Graves, keeping road in repair from his house to Marlboro' road one year, as per agreement,	10 00
A. B. & S. W. Skinner,	28 02
Ashuelot Railroad Co.,	5 00
Team work for November,	326 25
Labor pay roll for November,	195 25
Bill of M. Blake, sand,	15 00
C. Faulkner, “	15 00
Cheshire Railroad Co., 103 loads sand,	10 30
W. Dickinson, rotten stone,	2 50
Knowlton & Stone, hardware and drain pipe,	73 27
C. Mason, work on road,	20 95
A. Nims, work on Daniel Thompson road,	5 00
A. Nims, work on road,	5 00
J. Menter, 475 feet bridge plank,	4 75
H. L. & E. Goodnow, hemlock lumber,	21 68
N. G. Woodbury, “	10 50

Cheshire Co., stone at jail,	\$41 00
Ray Brothers, blacksmithing,	3 78
O. S. Gleason, repairing fence,	2 00
C. Mason, lumber,	53 83
E. Hatch, work on road,	5 00
Spencer & Co., hardware,	44
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Expended on account of highways,	\$6,164 78
Cash received on account of highways,	\$6,164 78

TOOLS, STONE, &c., ON HAND.

The following is a list of tools, &c. :—

3 plows, 1 large road scraper, 3 small road scrapers, 12 picks. 8 shovels, 1 wheelbarrow, 3 large drills, 4 small drills, 3 iron bars, 2 hoes, 1 paving hammer, 1 saw, 1 cold chisel, 2 axes, stone, 100 sq. ft.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LIVERMORE,

Superintendent of Highways.

REPORT OF AGENT OF CITY PASTURE.

RECEIPTS.

Received for pasturing cows, Dec. 1st,	\$163 94
Received for gravel,	6 20
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	\$170 14
Deposited with City Treasurer,	\$170 14

EXPENDITURES.

Repairing fences, &c.,	\$15 00
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There have been 1,081 loads of gravel taken from this pasture for the use of the city, which at the usual price, 10 cents per load, amounts to \$108.10.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LIVERMORE,

Agent of City Pasture.

KEENE WATER WORKS.

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene :

We herewith transmit the Superintendent's Report, which we have examined and found to be correct. We have examined the Superintendent's books and accounts, showing his receipts and disbursements, and found them to be correctly kept, and that he has proper vouchers for the same. The works have in our judgment been managed the past year in a prudent and efficient manner.

The Superintendent's report sets forth so fully the condition of the works, the amount and cost of the extensions, and other facts, that we deem any additional report on our part unnecessary.

EDWARD JOSLIN,
JOHN HUMPHREY,
DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,
Water Commissioners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners of the City of Keene.

GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the provisions of the city ordinances, the Superintendent respectfully submits the following report.

With the exception of a period of about three months last Winter, the supply of water during the past year has been ample and of unusually good quality.

The works are at the present time in a satisfactory condition. The income from water rates has been somewhat diminished on account of vacancies, nearly one hundred tenements supplied with water having been unoccupied the greater portion of the year, while the frequent rains of the season have, to a great extent, rendered the use of hose unnecessary.

SERVICE PIPES.

Number of service pipes, Dec. 1, 1876,	795
.. .. Dec. 1, 1877,	824

RECEIPTS.

Collected on 10th assessment,	\$ 5 00
.. 11th ..	2 00
.. 13th ..	22 48
.. 14th ..	324 97
.. 15th ..	3,125 59
.. 16th ..	3,202 74

Amount of water rates collected, \$6,682 78

REC'D FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN WATER RATES.

J. R. Beal,	\$6 40
E. Gustine,	36 92
E. O. Keith,	23 40
E. P. Hardy,	50
	<u>\$67 22</u>

Total receipts for year, \$6,750 00

Amount deposited. \$6,750 00

WATER RATES UNCOLLECTED.

14th assessment.	\$ 31 50
15th ..	110 01
16th ..	486 26
Due from other sources,	35 08
	<u>\$662 85</u>

The following bills reported outstanding Dec. 1, 1876, have been paid this year ;

A. H. Hamblett,	\$11 31
J. R. Beal,	8 04
Keene Furniture Company,	3 50

Humphrey Machine Company,	\$140 62
Sentinel Printing Company,	10 25
Moses Ellis & Co.,	13 73
Knowlton & Stone,	38 64
J. G. Griffith,	2 50
Fisher & Downer,	11 33
Spaulding & Hardy,	65
J. & F. French,	1 25
G. H. Tilden & Co.,	30 25
Edward Joslin,	60 00
John Humphrey,	30 00
D. H. Holbrook,	47 50
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	\$409 37

EXPENDITURES.

The following list, with the exception of the first two items, was included in the Superintendent's bills rendered to and paid by City :

E. Gustine,	\$273 00
Knowlton & Stone,	16 21
Humphrey Machine Co.,	77 15
Downer & Saker,	11 95
J. R. Beal,	2 48
Sentinel Printing Co.,	4 00
Boston Lead Co.,	7 87
S. Spaulding,	4 75
J. Tiffany,	9 54
Trenching for new work,	60 48
Postal Cards,	20 00
Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co.,	6 00
Cost of repairs, trucking, horse-hire, and other incidental expenses,	102 35
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	\$595 78
Salaries of Commissioners for year,	\$ 90 00
Salary of Superintendent for year,	500 00
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	\$590 00
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Making total expense for year,	\$1,185 78

Of this amount there is chargeable to construction account,	\$389 83
Current expenses,	795 95
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	\$1,185 78

Amount against Water Works now outstanding:	
G. H. Tilden & Co.,	\$12 00

EXTENSIONS.

Carroll street, 26 ft. 2-in. pipe,	\$ 8 25
Baker street, 928 ft 2-in. pipe,	288 60
Church and Railroad street connection, 210 ft. 2-in. pipe,	92 98
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	\$389 83
Construction account as reported Dec. 1, 1876,	\$159,503 43
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Making total cost of Works, Dec. 1, 1877,	\$159,893 26

The following property is now on hand, belonging to the city :

2 6-inch valves,	\$60 00
176 ft. 4-in. cast-iron pipe,	84 00
69 ft. 6-in. " "	73 00
115 ft. 4-in. wrought-iron pipe,	69 00
150 ft. 3-in. " "	50 00
200 ft. 2-in. " "	50 00
2 post-hydrants,	85 00
Lot old cement pipe,	10 00
1 4-in. cross T,	8 00
Rubber boots and mittens,	5 00
Pails,	50
3 lanterns,	3 00
2 pairs pipe-tongs,	10 00
1 hammer-wrench,	1 00
1 pair snips,	3 00
25 picks,	34 00
Lot shovels,	15 00
Rubber cloth and twine,	30 00
8 stopcocks,	10 00
1 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. valve,	2 00

1 trenching pump,	\$8 00
2 bush-hooks,	2 00
Lot screen wire.	3 50
Lead pipe,	3 00
3 iron shut-off boxes.	3 70
Office furniture.	30 00
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	\$652 70

LEWIS HOLMES, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS, Dec. 1, 1877.

To His Honor the Mayor, and Gentlemen of the City Councils :

GENTLEMEN : In compliance with the city ordinances for the government of the Keene Fire Department, I have the honor to submit the following annual report of the affairs of the Department for the year ending December 1, 1877, with a statement of its labors during the year, and such other matters pertaining to its general management as occur to me. This has been a most fortunate year in the small number of fires that have occurred. Seldom, if ever, in the history of the city, have the losses caused thereby been so small. This is mainly accounted for by the efficiency of the Department, and our ample water supply. The entire force of the Department at present is as follows : One Chief Engineer and six Assistants ; one hand fire engine, 20 men ; one hook and ladder truck, 20 men ; three four-wheeled hand hose carriages, each 20 men ; also one hand engine at South Keene, and two two-wheeled hose carriages, one of which is located at Symonds' Tannery and the other at Beaver Mills. The engine and carriages are manned by men employed at the works where they are located. Some changes have taken place in the membership of the Department during the year, but the full complement of members has been maintained throughout. The Department has been called out six times to fires and alarms during the year. I am glad to state that no very destructive fire is to be reported in this number. Annexed herewith is a list of alarms, fires, losses, &c.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in perfect working order. During the year a new four-wheeled hose carriage has been procured for Nep-

tune Hose Company, No. 2, to take the place of the two old jumpers. The engine houses are also in good condition.

HOSE.

There is now in the Department 5019 feet of hose, of the following descriptions: 3069 feet of leather hose, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch, in good condition; 450 feet of linen hose, nearly worn out; 100 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch rubber lined hose, procured the past year; and 400 feet of 2 inch hose, about played out. One 50 ft. length of the linen hose has been condemned, and the other 450 feet will have to be condemned after another year's service. I would recommend that there be 500 feet more of rubber lined hose procured, so that all three companies can have a relay of good $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose, which would make 1200 feet for each company, and they generally carry 600 feet on each carriage.

STEAMER.

I would also recommend that the Hand Engines and two Jumpers be sold, and that a light Steamer be procured; the water pressure is getting so low that it is almost impossible to get any force of stream half a mile away from the main pipe. With a Steamer, the Department might be reduced to one-third the number of men, and the expense be no greater than at present.

I would again call attention to the large number of hydrants in the sidewalks, and urgently request that they be removed to the outside of the walks next season.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I would return my thanks to His Honor, the Mayor, for the many courtesies shown me during the year; to the several gentlemen of the City Government with whom my official relations brought me in contact, particularly the Committee on Fire Department, and the Superintendent of Water Works; also, to the Police Department, for promptness and efficiency at all times, and to the citizens generally for the kindly interest they have always manifested in the welfare of the Department. I can heartily commend the discipline of the Department, which I think was never better than at the present time, and for which I return thanks to my Assistant-Engineers, to the Foremen of the several companies, and to each

member of the same, almost all of whom were prompt to obey all orders, to each and all of whom, in a measure, is due the successful management of the department during the year, and of which the citizens of Keene have just cause to be proud.

ALARMS OF FIRE.

1st. April 7.—House of Mrs. James Mahar, Elm street. Saved ell and barn. Loss \$1,000, insurance \$700.

2d. June 10.—House of A. Stiles, Pearl street. Loss slight.

3d. Aug. 10.—Faulkner & Colony's house and barn, West street. Loss \$1200, insurance \$600.

4th. Sept. 20.—House of B. F. Nichols, Beech Hill. Loss \$4,000, insurance \$3,400.

5th. Oct. 10.—Cheshire Railroad dry house. Damage slight.

6th. Oct. 13.—House of Faulkner & Colony, Ashuelot street; chimney burnt out; damage slight.

Total amount of loss by fires this year,	\$6,200
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Total amount of insurance,	4,700
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Making a loss above insurance of	\$1,500
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PAY ROLL OF THE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS FOR 1877.

(OFFICE UNDER CITY HALL.)

Chief Engineer, William H. Babbitt,	\$30 00
1st Assistant, Albert O. Fiske,	25 00
2d " George D. Wheelock,	25 00
3d " Freeman A. White,	25 00
4th " George E. Bradford,	25 00
5th " Charles Abbott,	25 00
6th " Henry H. Barker,	25 00
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	\$180 00

WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, NO. 1.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

Albert B. Carpenter, Foreman,	\$9 50
G. F. Drew, 1st Assistant,	9 50
C. A. Mason, 2d "	9 50
J. M. Gowdy, Clerk,	9 50
J. E. Griffith, Steward,	9 50
B. F. Skiff,	7 20
Warren Abbott,	9 50
J. M. Cone,	9 50
Henry Clark,	9 50
H. W. Evans,	9 50
W. H. Preckle,	9 50
A. Richardson,	9 50
A. Spaulding,	9 50
G. A. Whitcomb,	9 50
H. E. Parker,	9 50
Horace Joslin,	9 50
G. N. Peck,	4 75
G. H. Peck,	9 50
Geo H. Kinsman,	9 50
C. H. Mason,	9 50
R. W. Smith,	9 50
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	\$182 95

DELUGE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY, NO. 1.

(HOUSE IN REAR OF CITY HALL.)

Patrick O'Leary, Foreman,	\$9 50
Peter Bouvier, 1st Assistant,	9 50
J. F. McCurdy, 2nd "	9 50
C. S. Seavy,	9 50
James O'Leary,	9 50
Patrick Conway,	9 50
John W. Murphy,	9 50
George E. Forbes,	9 50
T. F. Barrett,	9 50
James F. Gallagher,	9 50

Nelson Bartlett,	\$9 50
J. H. Burns,	9 50
C. H. Bissell,	9 50
John Leahy,	9 50
Gilbert Perry,	9 50
F. L. Persons,	9 50
George S. Starkey,	9 50
J. W. Ingalls,	9 50
H. H. Ashcroft,	9 50
Frank Hammond,	9 50
Joseph Bouvier,	9 50
W. S. Lovering,	9 50
George Carroll,	9 50
H. O'Dowd,	9 50
C. E. Safford,	9 50
I. J. Griffith,	9 50
A. H. Barrett,	9 50
Fred Clark,	9 50
Maurice Murphy,	9 50
E. R. Geer,	9 50
Arthur Brooks,	9 50
P. Burns,	9 50
W. H. Corbett,	9 50
Gilman Cary,	9 50
T. S. Hannon,	9 50
E. A. Crown,	9 50
Frank J. Tidd,	9 50
John A. Clark,	9 50
Frank P. Richardson,	9 50
Herbert A. Pratt,	9 50
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	\$380 00

NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY, NO. 2.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

M. Roach, Jr., Foreman,	\$9 50
R. Lowe, 1st Assistant,	9 50
M. Quinlan, 2d ..	9 50
W. Trask, Treasurer,	9 50
A. R. Mansfield, Clerk,	9 50
E. Symonds, Steward,	9 50

C. A. Bouvier,	\$9 50
W. C. Clary,	9 50
Jerry Doyle,	9 50
John Coffey,	9 50
H. W. Eastman,	9 50
D. O'Leary,	9 50
James Hannon,	9 50
Daniel Sweeney,	9 50
James Coffey,	9 50
Dan Coffey,	9 50
M. Houston,	9 50
W. W. Smith,	9 50
William Richards,	9 50
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	\$190 00

PHENIX HOSE COMPANY, NO. 4.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

J. S. Richardson, Foreman,	\$9 50
H. W. Harvey, 1st Assistant,	9 50
A. D. Towne. 2d ..	9 50
F. C. Foster, Clerk,	9 50
E. P. Carrigan. Steward,	9 50
A. G. Bryant,	9 50
A. W. Howard,	9 50
G. S. Whitney,	9 50
J. A. Batchelder,	9 50
H. H. Haynes,	9 50
George H. Starkey,	9 50
F. C. Vose,	9 50
E. L. Willard,	9 50
George Rogers,	9 50
C. E. Harrington,	9 50
H. L. Cass,	9 50
W. E. Page,	9 50
George W. Parker,	9 50
Walter Mansfield,	9 50
Charles A. Balch,	9 50
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	\$190 00

RECAPITULATION.

Board of Engineers, 7 men,	\$180 00
Washington Hook and Ladder, No. 1, 20 men,	182 95
Deluge Engine and Hose Co., No. 1, 40 men.	380 00
Neptune Hose Co., No. 2, 20 men,	190 00
Phoenix Hose Co., No. 4, 20 men,	190 00
Making a total of 107 men, paid	<hr/> \$1,122 95

For other expenses, see the report of Committee on Finance. Estimated amount of money needed next year for ordinary expenses of the Department, \$2,000.00.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
THE DEPARTMENT.

Deluge engine and hose carriage.	\$1,300 00
Neptune hose carriage,	750 00
Phoenix hose carriage,	350 00
Two old Neptune jumpers,	250 00
No. 5 Hose Station, Beaver Mills,	125 00
No. 7 Hose Station, West street, tannery,	125 00
Washington No. 1, hook and ladder,	350 00
Niagara engine and hose cart, South Keene.	600 00
Deluge engine house,	1,000 00
Neptune hose and hook and ladder house,	800 00
Phoenix hose house,	800 00
Fire alarm at City Hall,	150 00
1,000 feet leather hose, good,	1,475 00
450 feet linen hose, poor,	458 00
3,000 feet old leather hose,	3,000 00
450 feet 2-inch leather hose,	150 00
100 feet rubber lined hose, new,	115 00
100 uniforms, 40 at Deluge and 20 each at Phoenix, Neptune, and Hook & Ladder,	300 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$12,098 00

WILLIAM H. BABBITT,
Chief Engineer Keene Fire Department.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

REPORT FOR 1875.

*To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen, of the
City of Keene :*

My warrant calls for	\$67,354 78
Interest collected,	275 00
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	\$67,629 78
Paid to Treasurer, as per receipts,	\$62,600 00
Discount on taxes,	2,112 94
Abatements,	2,256 42
“ on dogs,	31 00
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	\$67,000 36
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	\$629 42

REPORT FOR 1876.

My warrant calls for	\$72,341 30.
Interest collected,	270 09
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	\$72,611 39
Paid Treasurer, as per receipts,	\$62,950 00
Discount on taxes,	2,207 20
Abatements,	711 44
“ on dogs,	11 00
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	\$65,879 64
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	\$6,731 75

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. WILDER,
Collector.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

REPORT FOR 1877.

*To His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen, of the
City of Keene:*

Whole tax called for, as per warrant, amounts to	\$75,916 25
Paid into the City Treasury,	\$58,400 00
Discount on taxes,	2,474 81
Abatement on taxes,	668 74
	<hr/> \$61,543 55
Balance.	<hr/> \$14,372 70

Respectfully submitted,

SHUBAEL WHITE,

City Collector.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

On the first of May last the Joint Standing Committee on the Public Library removed it from Colony's Block to its present location in Warren's Block, on Washington street. This room is centrally located, and of easy access to the public, and was obtained at a lower rate of rent. With the exception of a few days at that time, and Sundays, the Library has been opened every afternoon since December 14th, and every afternoon and evening since May 1st.

Whole number of books, December 1st, 1876, was	3,221
Added during the year,	427

Total, December 1st, 1877,	3,648
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There have been 21,031 volumes issued to readers during the past year. Of this number, 12,561 have been taken out since May 5th, showing a daily average of 70. The highest number issued in one day was 233.

257 cards have been issued during the last seven months. The whole number issued since the Library was opened is 1,587.

There has been paid into the City Treasury during the past year, by the Librarian, for catalogues sold and fines collected, \$73.05.

A supplemental catalogue of books purchased during the year has been printed, and is now ready for distribution.

The Library has received valuable additions by gifts from the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Patents, Hon. Joseph Henry of the Smithsonian Institution, Senator Wadleigh, Hon. H. W. Blair, the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Health, Dr. Albert Smith, of Peterboro', and several of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI BROOKS, *Librarian.*

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Overseers of the Poor, constituting a Joint Board, the Mayor being Chairman, *ex-officio*, report for the fiscal year, ending December 1, 1877, that they organized by choosing Emerson E. Bissell, of Ward 1, Clerk; and the Board made choice of Joseph Whitney, of Ward 2, to perform the active duties of the respective overseers in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4, and Horace Hamblet for Ward 5.

In regard to the Poor, the ordinary expenses have been greater than were anticipated, the amount of suffering and privation exceeding previous years. Consequently, a large expense to the city, and also to the County has been sustained. Many of these cases have been under the jurisdiction of the city authorities; therefore the labor of the Overseers has been more arduous and perplexing. All bills in this department have been adjusted and allowed by the Board at the close of every month, and again examined, allowed and passed by the Standing Committee on Claims. The pauper claims since 1874 have increased with the panic of the times, the latter greatly curtailing the demand for labor, and producing pauperism in our midst. Therefore the labor of looking after the wants of the poor in the several wards has increased in the same ratio, while the salary of the Overseers has remained the same, which, in our opinion, is very inadequate for the services rendered.

For the expenditures in this department we refer you to the table prepared by the Committee on Finance.

That portion of the community known as "tramps" are still a great nuisance in our midst, and what to do with them in order to check the rush into our towns and cities is a problem which remains to be solved.

Arrangements were made by the Board with the City Marshal to look after this department, which duty he has performed with great credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

EMERSON E. BISSELL,
JOSEPH WHITNEY,
DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,
SHUBAEL WHITE,
HORACE HAMBLET,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

KEENE, Dec. 1, 1877.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I have the honor to submit my report as City Messenger from Dec. 1, 1876, to Dec. 1, 1877:

Rent of City Hall for month of	December, 1876,	\$86 00
" " "	January, 1877,	40 00
" " "	February, "	40 00
" " "	March, "	126 00
" " "	April, "	26 00
" " "	May, "	34 00
" " "	June, "	00 00
" " "	July, "	15 00
" " "	August, "	30 00
" " "	September, "	21 00
" " "	October, "	20 00
" " "	November, "	28 00

Paid City Treasurer,	\$466 00
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Yours, respectfully,

P. HOWLAND,

City Messenger.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable City Councils:

The following report of this office I beg leave to submit for rents, &c., accrued to Dec. 1, 1877, to wit:

For rent of stores, City Hall build'g, to Dec. 1, '76,	\$	512 50
“ “ “ “ “ 1877,		1,850 00
Ground rent	“ “	25 00
Water rents	“ “	44 00
Licenses	“ “	50 00

\$2,481 50

Received from S. Wadsworth & Son, rents,	\$	557 00
“ F. C. Hardy,	“	632 00
“ A. H. Grimes,	“	632 00
“ J. Adams & Co.,	“	457 00
“ Knowlton & Stone, ground rent,		20 00
“ S. Babcock & Son, water rate,		9 00
“ Licenses,		50 00
Due from J. Adams & Co.,		112 50
“ Colton,		7 00
“ Knowlton & Stone,		5 00

\$2,481 50

Amount deposited,	\$	1,187 00
Due,		124 50
In my hands, Dec. 1,		1,170 00

\$2,481 50

L. C. DOOLITTLE,
City Clerk.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Mayor and City Councils of Keene :

The Board of Health, in making their annual report for the year 1877, would render their grateful acknowledgements to the kind Providence that has spared our city from all pestilential or alarming sickness.

We think the healthiness of the city will compare favorably with the towns surrounding it. There is great lack of sewerage in many parts of the city, which we think demands the attention of the City Councils ; especially in the rear of Mr. Sherman's barn, on lands of Brigham Nims. A complaint was made to the Board of that locality, and an order made to have the sewer opened from Nims' land to the main sewer ; but it not being complied with, and the copious fall rains coming on, the nuisance in a great measure was abated. There were quite a number of complaints of sink spouts and privies, but in most cases the parties complied with all the orders of the Board cheerfully. Respectfully submitted,

J. HOLMES LEACH, M. D.,
ORREN STARKEY,
HOSEA FOSTER,

Board of Health.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable City Councils:

In accordance with the Ordinance creating the office of City Physician, I herewith present the first annual report of the same. The city has, during the last year, been especially free from epidemics and contagious diseases.

The general health rate has been good. Forty-two cases have been treated, to which, in all, over five hundred visits have been made. The majority of those requiring medical services have been County paupers. There have been three deaths during the year. Causes of death: spinal disease, 1; measles and bronchitis, 1; convulsions, 1. There have been three births.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOLMES LEACH,

City Physician.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the Honorable City Councils:

Since the last report of Solicitor Faulkner, the two appeal cases of Wellington & Crossfield, and Beckley, and that of Hope steam mills, from the award of damages to them in laying out Vernon street and 93d street, have been settled, after hearing before the County Commissioners, the appellants taking the sums awarded by the Commissioners. The Hope mills declined to take the sum awarded them at the April term; but at the October term concluded to accept the same, without charge to the city for the continuance.

The suit of Dr. A. S. Carpenter, for alleged injuries sustained through a defective highway near S. B. Aldrich's house, has not been settled. The City Councils appointed a joint Committee, with full power to settle with him; but I understand no settlement has been effected.

At the last April Term, J. W. Buckminster entered a suit against the city, to recover damages for the breaking of the leg of his horse by reason of an alleged defect in the highway near the Fair Ground. This case stands 285 on the docket, and at the October Term was marked "con." as usual.

The suit of Lowell Wilbur against the city, for alleged injuries sustained by defective highway near Faulkner & Colony's factory, which was entered October Term, 1876, is still pending.

At the last Term of the Supreme Court, James B. Elliot entered a suit against the city for alleged damages received to his real estate, by reason of an under-drain from the watering place at Main street school-house, and from Main street down Elliot street to the low land. This action is still pending.

An appeal from the decision of the Mayor and Aldermen in not laying out a highway somewhere on Beech Hill, was entered at the last Court, but it "flushed in the pan" and went off the docket. The city are entitled to a small bill of costs.

These are the only cases now in litigation, as far as I know.

Respectfully,

SILAS HARDY, *Solicitor.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for the year ending December 1, 1877 :

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. A. Mason for work on the addition to Cemetery,		\$549 37
Laying water pipe on Eastern avenue :		
E. O. Keith, bill of pipe and labor,	\$19 55	
Labor,	3 00	
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Work on Fountain :		
Repairing pipe,	\$2 61	
Cement,	1 25	
Labor,	1 06	
Tin cup,	10	
	<hr/>	\$5 02
Making drain to pond :		
E. Gustine, pipes,	\$8 39	
Trucking,	35	
Labor,	4 96	
	<hr/>	\$13 70
Mowing brush, &c., in new part of Cemetery,		10 00
Trimming and grading avenues and walks,		36 00
Trimming trees, cutting brush, mowing and raking grounds,		51 46
F. Clark, lettering over gates,		1 50
Superintendent's salary,		50 00
Balance on hand,		82
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		\$740 42

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 1, 1876,	\$ 2 92
Received for lots sold,	97 00
“ grass sold	2 50
“ of N. G. Gurnsey,	8 00
Drawn from Savings Bank,	630 00
	<hr/> \$740 42

Amount in Savings Bank December 1st, 1877, \$2,093 07.

There was deposited in the Cheshire Provident Institution for Savings, July 8, 1876, by the executor of the will of Sumner Carpenter, the sum of \$40, the interest of which is to be used for keeping the lot of Sumner Carpenter in Woodland Cemetery in repair.

1877. July 3, in Bank,	\$40 00
Interest,	1 83
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Oct. 20, withdrawn,	1 50
	<hr/> \$40 33
Dec. 1, leaving in Bank,	

ARBA KIDDER,
Superintendent.

I certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of Arba Kidder, Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery, and found them correct.

THOMAS E. HATCH,
Chairman Joint Standing Committee on Burying Grounds.

REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON BURYING GROUNDS.

To the Honorable City Councils:

The undersigned desire to submit the following report relative to the improvements made upon the extension of Woodland Cemetery during the past year:

The Committee decided to have a topographical survey made of all the land included in the addition to the Cemetery before any portion of it should be graded, or any avenues or lots should be laid out. This work was done by Mr. A. P. Little, of this city, and the principal avenues were surveyed and located by him, with the advice and assistance of Mr. J. F. Fuller, of Boston, a gentleman who has had great experience and success in this department of engineering.

C. A. Mason was employed by the Committee to grade the causeway and hill on the Southern portion of the addition to the Cemetery, to make the avenues considered absolutely necessary for immediate use, and to ditch the meadow on the boundary between the Cemetery and M. J. Sherman's land. The ditch running North and South is dug upon Mr. Sherman's land, the line of the Western bank of the ditch forming the boundary line. The ditch running East and West is upon the land of the Cemetery, and the Southern line of the ditch forms the boundary line. That part of this ditch upon the rising ground is walled and paved to prevent washing by the Spring floods. These ditches in the meadow are seven feet wide at the top and four feet deep, and will afford sufficient protection against animals on that line of the Cemetery. One is already hedged with evergreens, and the other can be in a few years, at a very small expense, by transplanting young hemlocks from the neighboring hill. The loam and muck obtained from these ditches were used to cover that portion of the grounds which have been graded.

The Committee laid out and graded a lot in a pleasant location on the principal avenue, and set in it the gravestones of Captain Ephraim Dorman, one of the proprietors and original settlers of Keene, and those of the other early inhabitants of the town, which were removed a few years since from the old burying ground at the lower end of Main street, and placed in the rear of the receiving tomb in Woodland Cemetery. They were aided in this by Mr. N. G. Gurnsey, who paid the expenses of grading the lot, removing and resetting the stones.

No lots have been surveyed for sale, as the City Councils have passed an ordinance whereby three trustees are to be chosen in January to manage all the affairs of the Cemetery, and they will be enabled to lay out and grade the lots, avenues and paths upon a plan which will not be liable to any radical change from year to year.

The City has laid out and built a short line of road from the Northern boundary of the Cemetery to George street, and improved the grade of that street, thus making an agreeable entrance to the Cemetery on the North, which is a great convenience to the public.

The whole amount expended upon the improvement of the Extension of Woodland Cemetery during the year has been as follows: For surveying, making topographical plan, &c., by Mr. Little, and fees and expenses of Mr. Fuller, \$331 00
Labor and materials, 549 37

Total, \$880 37

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. HATCH,
J. M. WOODWARD,
HARVEY PHILLIPS,

Joint Standing Committee on Burying Grounds.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1877.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor of presenting for your consideration, a portion of the doings, and general condition of the Police Department for the financial year ending Nov. 30, 1877.

The Department is composed of a force of sixteen men, which has been maintained at an expense as follows :

City Marshal,	\$ 100 00
Day and night patrolmen, and extra service,	1,779 75
Total,	<u>\$1,879 75</u>

There are some bills of 1875 which have been allowed and are not included in this report.

January 10, 1877, the working force of the Department was reduced to one day and night patrolman ; so that the actual pay roll since that date to Dec. 1st, 1877, has been,

To day and night patrolmen,	\$1,462 50
Members on special occasions, 30 days,	67 50
Total,	<u>\$1,530 00</u>

Whole number of arrests for the year has been,

Males,	229
Females,	7
Total,	<u>236</u>

The offences for which arrests have been made comprise,

Assault and battery,	24
Adultery.	1
Breaking and entering,	2
Cruelty to animals,	6
Drunkenness,	180
Disturbance of the peace,	10
Fornication,	1
Illegal gaming,	3

Larceny,	1
Runaway from Reform School,	1
Three card monte,	3
Threatening,	4

Total,	236
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Number brought before Police Court,	32
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Amount of fines received by Police Justice and paid into City Treasury,	\$126 00
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The whole number of persons applying for and accommodated with food and lodging at the Station House since its completion, February 1st, 1877, has been,

Males,	575
Females,	6

Total,	581
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Nearly all of this expense, by taking the affidavit of each individual, has been refunded to the City by the County.

The miscellaneous duties of the Police during the year are of no small importance, and will show that while the citizens are attending to their various duties, or quietly slumbering in their beds, the officers have been interested in their work, and faithful to the trust reposed in them.

The following are but a portion of the duties they have attended to under this head :

Disturbances suppressed,	61
Intoxicated persons sent home,	158
Intoxicated persons assisted home,	46
Buildings found open at night and secured,	18
Stray teams found and cared for.	10
Lights left burning by mistake and reported,	12
Defective streets and sidewalks reported,	36
Parties notified to remove snow from buildings and awnings,	15
Street lamps reported not in a condition to burn,	25
Fire alarms given,	6
Nuisances reported,	5
Nuisances suppressed,	37
Number of dogs killed,	28
Value of goods found exposed, and returned to owner,	\$130
Value of stolen property recovered,	\$380

Schedule of Property in use by the Police Department:

1 stove and pipe,	\$24 00
7 mattresses,	14 00
7 pillows,	1 75
6 chairs,	3 90
16 pillow cases,	2 44
12 towels,	1 75
16 blankets,	24 56
1 desk,	20 00
1 office table,	5 00
5 iron pails,	5 00
2 pails and mop,	75
Drinking cups and soap dish,	57
Sponge,	20
1 kettle,	90
1 dust pan,	25
1 lawn mower,	15 00
1 grass hook,	75
1 rake,	25
1 hoe,	75
1 hatchet,	75
1 feather duster,	1 75
1 spitton,	50
1 broom,	25
2 lanterns,	2 00
1 dark-lantern,	1 00
1 snow-shovel,	75
2 brushes,	50
1 coal-shovel,	50
1 General Statutes of New Hampshire,	5 00
1 Town Officer,	2 50
1 inkstand and penholder,	50
Lot blanks,	4 00
2 belts,	6 75
2 batons,	2 00
2 patent nippers,	3 00
1 chain nipper,	1 00
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	\$154 57

You will notice by this report that but a very small proportion of the cases of drunkenness have been brought before the Police Court, the reasons for which were, that a fine for the offence would have been taking bread from the mouths of the wives and children, or by sending to the House of Correction would have entailed large expense upon the City and County; consequently, those who were peaceably disposed were given good advice and sent to their homes.

In conclusion, I would say that harmony generally exists among the members of the force, and for their hearty co-operation and support in the discharge of the duties of the Department they have my most heartfelt thanks. And especially to Mr. George H. Kellogg, the night patrolman, I desire to express my acknowledgements for the prompt and faithful manner in which he has performed his duties the past year, thereby relieving me of much care and anxiety.

To His Honor, the Mayor, I am under great obligations for his counsel, wise suggestions and personal favors. Also, to the Board of Aldermen, Common Council, and members of the various departments of the City Government for the courtesy and kindness extended to me during the year.

Upon entering the office of City Marshal, in the discharge of its duties, I have endeavored to dispose of all matters brought to my notice in a faithful and impartial manner, so as to have no one accuse me of favoritism or neglect of duty. How well I have succeeded I leave to the impartial judgment of your Hon. Board and my fellow citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. LOCKE, *City Marshal.*

REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.

KEENE, Dec. 1, 1877.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Keene:

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following report :

Thirty-two civil actions have been entered in said Court the past year.

There have been sixty-five arraignments before the Court for the following causes :

Embezzlement,	1
Malicious mischief,	1
Mortgaging without notice of prior mortgage,	1
Fornication,	1
Concealing debtor's property,	1
Kindling fire on another's premises,	1
Entering with intent to take unlawfully,	1
Assault with intent to kill,	1
Adultery,	2
Burglary,	3
Violating liquor law,	3
Being common drunkards,	5
Passing false evidences of debt,	5
Gambling,	6
Being intoxicated,	9
Assault and battery,	21
Larceny,	3

These cases were disposed of as follows :

Sentenced to pay fines,	16
.. .. conditionally,	16
.. .. House of Correction,	5

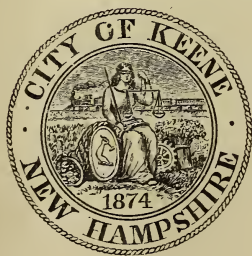
Held to answer at County Court,	15
Not prosecuted to judgment,	5
Discharged on trial,	7
Forfeited recognizance,	1

Of those sentenced to pay fines conditionally and unconditionally, 16 paid their fines to the Court, amounting to \$126. The others were committed for non-payment to jail, .6 To the House of Correction, 10

In four of the above cases, the arraignments were before the Special Justice, in two of which the defendants were fined and committed for non-payment; in one the defendant was sentenced to the House of Correction, and in one the defendant was acquitted.

E. FARRAR, *Justice.*

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CITY OF KEENE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ordering the printing of Annual Reports.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows: That there be printed as soon as may be, for general circulation, under the supervision of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, a sufficient number of copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings attending the inauguration of the City Government in January last, together with such Ordinances and Joint Resolutions as have since been passed, or may be thought proper, with the reports of the Finance Committee, the City Marshal, City Solicitor, Trustees of Woodland Cemetery, the Board of Health, City Clerk, City Messenger, Superintendent of Water Works, Superintendent of Streets, Engineer of Fire Department, and any other matters thought expedient.

JAMES S. TAFT,
President Common Council.

Approved December 5, 1878.

REUBEN STEWART,
Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

L. C. DOOLITTLE,
City Clerk.



ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1878.

The members elect of the City Government having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office prescribed by law was administered to the Mayor elect, Reuben Stewart, by the retiring Mayor, Edward Farrar, after which His Honor the Mayor administered the oath of office to the following Boards, viz :

Board of Aldermen :

GEORGE W. BALL,
GEO. K. WRIGHT,
IRA F. PROUTY,
GEORGE H. TILDEN,
EDWARD C. THAYER.

Board of Common Council :

BENJ. D. HUTCHINS,
JAMES S. TAFT,
DANIEL R. COLE,
ORLEN D. PRATT,
JAMES C. WHITTLE,
JOHN W. NYE,
JASON FRENCH,
HARVEY PHILLIPS,
CHAS. A. GALE.
JOSEPH WILSON,
NORRIS G. GURNSEY,
JEHIEL HARLOW,
GEO. F. SANBORN,
CHEEVER P. FELCH,
LATON MARTIN.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Eaton, after which the Mayor delivered his Inaugural Address, as follows :

MAYOR STEWART'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:

In entering upon the fifth year of our city government, let us remember with gratitude an overruling Providence, that our beautiful city has for these years been so far exempt from any great calamity. I enter upon the responsible duties devolving upon me with great diffidence, after the able management by both my honorable predecessors. I am encouraged in the task before me, knowing that I have so many able and efficient men in the City Councils as my associates. As the good citizens of Keene have determined to make us public servants, let us, gentlemen, endeavor to serve the public to the best of our ability and as our best judgments shall dictate. Let us permit no local, personal or private interests to swerve us from doing our whole duty, to the whole people. In these times of depression in business, the people will expect us to enforce the most rigid economy in every department. Every wise business man strives for a strict economy in all his private affairs, and the same principle should guide us in the public expenditures. By common usage the executive officer is expected to review at the commencement of each year the transactions and expenditures of the preceding year. The short space of time between receiving the returns from the various departments of our City Government and the beginning of the new year renders it impossible to do justice to this subject. I would recommend that you devise some means to obtain an earlier publication of the reports at the close of the financial year. A large part of the burden of examining the accounts devolves upon the City Clerk. I would suggest that the present salary of this officer is inadequate compensation for such faithful services as are needed.

FINANCE.

The report of the Finance Committee shows the receipts and expenditures in detail, and I see nothing requiring your particular attention, except in regard to the arrearage in the collection of taxes. It will be seen by the report that a large part of the taxes assessed is uncollected, viz: For 1873, \$1,300.00; for 1874, \$1,414.00; for 1875, \$629.42; for 1876,

\$6,731.65; and for 1877, \$14,372.70—making in all \$24,447.77. Upon a review of the reports for the past four years it will be found, the amounts collected for taxes and the amounts remaining uncollected for each year are as follows, viz:

REPORT OF 1874.

<i>Collected.</i>	<i>Uncollected.</i>
For 1873, \$ 1,700.00	For 1873, \$ 3,164.92
“ 1874, 45,800.00	“ 1874, 13,988.13
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\$47,500.00	\$17,153.05

REPORT OF 1875.

For 1873, \$ 700.00	For 1873, \$ 2,200.00
“ 1874, 10,400.00	“ 1874, 1,614.00
“ 1875, 44,900.00	“ 1875, 21,273.62
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\$56,000.00	\$25,087.62

REPORT OF 1876.

For '72-3, \$ 900.00	For 1873, \$ 1,300.00
“ 1874, 200.00	“ 1874, 1,414.00
“ 1875, 16,100.00	“ 1875, 1,070.75
“ 1876, 47,250.00	“ 1876, 23,641.30
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\$64,450.00	\$27,426.05

REPORT OF 1877.

	For 1873, \$ 1,300.00
	“ 1874, 1,414.00
For 1875, \$ 1,600.00	“ 1875, 629.42
“ 1876, 15,000.00	“ 1876, 6,731.65
“ 1877, 56,500.00	“ 1877, 14,372.70
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\$73,100.00	\$24,447.77

Gentlemen, is there any way to ascertain what part of these sums can properly be reckoned as available “assets”? I recommend this subject to your early attention. Some means should be devised to enable us to know what amounts can or cannot be collected. Those that are worthless should be abated, and the collection of the remainder enforced. I recommend that a committee be appointed to take this matter in-

to consideration, and to propose some new rule or ordinance that may produce a better result in the future, that the books may show a truer state of the finances. Might not the salary of the Collector be so graded as to admit of a forfeiture of a certain percentage for amounts not collected, or allowing a premium for amounts that shall be collected? I also recommend you to inquire whether these large money transactions should not pass through an examination by some auditing committee.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

The expenses in this department have been larger than usual the past year, on account of constructing the iron bridge on Island street. The Committee recommend an appropriation of \$7,000.00 for this year, which under ordinary circumstances should be sufficient. I would repeat the recommendation of keeping the public thoroughfares in good condition, and at the same time to avoid unnecessary outlays. I would also call your attention to the poor condition of some of the sidewalks in the city.

WATER WORKS.

The Commissioners say, "the works have been managed in a prudent and efficient manner," and the Superintendent says, "the works are in a satisfactory condition," and that the water has in general been abundant and of good quality. I know nothing to the contrary, and see no need of calling your special attention to anything under this head, other than to provide some way to meet the large part of the Water Loan so soon becoming due.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This Department seems to be in good condition, with a satisfactory working force, and well managed. It will be seen that the Chief Engineer recommends the purchase of five hundred feet of rubber lined hose; he also recommends the sale of the old engine and "jumpers" and the purchase of a steamer. If, as he says, that would reduce the working force to one-third the number of men, the matter is worthy of your attention. Your attention is called to the amount to be voted for extra allowance to the firemen above what is allowed by

law. You may also think it advisable, in some way, to offer a prize to the firemen at some stated times, to encourage more practice in their peculiar art. It is to be regretted that some of the hydrants are so placed, as in a measure to obstruct the sidewalks; perhaps it may be well in the Spring to have them moved to avoid this cause for complaint.

WOODLAND CEMETERY.

It will be seen that a new ordinance was passed last year to appoint three Trustees to have the management of these grounds. It is not very clear, by the two ordinances, whether you are to appoint a Superintendent, or that these Trustees elect one of their number for that office. I call your attention to any needed amendment. It seems also that the receipts and expenditures in this department have not been under the care of the Finance Committee. Should they not be, as well as those pertaining to other departments? The Superintendent reports a balance of \$2,093.07 in the Savings Bank.

SEWERAGE.

Gentlemen: Is this subject exhausted? Must we settle down to the conclusion that there can be no outlet from our beautiful city, whereby to carry off the accumulating filth and save it from becoming a city of epidemics and disease? I recommend that you continue to investigate this important subject, and if the plans or proposals already made seem impracticable, that still further examinations be made to ascertain if there is any way of escape from the fearful consequences always attendant upon imperfect sewerage.

SCHOOLS.

It appears that you have but very little to do in regard to the schools, except the manner of dividing the money raised by law, among the districts, and to elect a Superintendent for the outside districts.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

It will be seen that a new ordinance has been passed, to take effect Jan. 1, 1878, providing for the appointment of six Trustees to take charge of the Library. Your attention is called to this duty. The Librarian reports the number of

books now in the Library as 3648, and the daily average of books taken by the citizens as 70. I think the management and success of this Institution has been creditable to the city and to those having the matter in charge.

MANCHESTER AND KEENE RAILROAD.

As the matters relating to this enterprise have been commented upon in each address of my predecessors, it may be expected that I will say something upon the subject. But at present I see no need of remarks, further than to say that I trust you will join me in doing what may be just and right in any matters that may arise in the future relating to this enterprise, or to the subsidy voted for the same, endeavoring at all times to do justice to all corporations as well as to individuals.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It will be seen by reference to Chap. 47 of the General Statutes that every seven years "the lines between the towns in this State shall be perambulated, and the marks and bounds renewed." This duty devolves upon you this year, and your attention is called to the same.

The City Marshal reports 236 arrests during the past year, which is a larger number than in any preceding year, and of this number 180 were for drunkenness, which was probably the secondary cause for many of the others. This seems to show that there is some liquor in town besides that which the city has in store. Does not this subject demand your serious attention?

The City Solicitor reports four cases in litigation now pending on complaints against the city.

I recommend your attention to making the necessary contract for lighting the street lamps, at an early day.

The City Farm having become a thing of the past, I recommend the sale of the pasture, also, which was purchased in connection with the gravel bed.

CONCLUSION.

And now, gentlemen, as we have in a desultory manner passed over the several matters relating to the business of the past and for the future, let us enter upon our duties with a determination to do what is for the best interests of our city.

At the close of the Mayor's address, on motion, the members of the City Government adjourned to meet in joint convention at 7½ o'clock, p. m., when L. C. Doolittle was elected City Clerk. Afterward the Council was organized by the choice of James S. Taft, President, and Charles H. Whitney, Clerk.

The Council then adjourned.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT, 1878.

MAYOR:
REUBEN STEWART.

ALDERMEN:

WARD 1.	WARD 3.
George W. Ball.	Ira F. Prouty.
WARD 2.	WARD 4.
George K. Wright.	George H. Tilden.
WARD 5—Edward C. Thayer.	
LUCIUS C. DOOLITTLE, <i>City Clerk</i> .	

COUNCILMEN:

JAMES S. TAFT, *President*.

WARD 1.	WARD 3.
Benjamin D. Hutchins,	Jason French,
James S. Taft,	Harvey Phillips,
Daniel R. Cole.	Charles A. Gale.
WARD 2.	WARD 4.
Orlen D. Pratt,	Joseph Wilson,
James C. Whittle,	Norris G. Gurnsey,
John W. Nye.	Jehiel Harlow.
WARD 5.	
George F. Sanborn, Cheever P. Felch, Laton Martin.	
CHARLES H. WHITNEY, <i>Clerk</i> .	

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Thayer, Councilmen French and Martin.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Hutchins and Gurnsey.

Bridges.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Sanborn and Felch.

Streets, Sewers and Drains.—Alderman Wright, Councilmen Pratt and Cole.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman Wright, Councilmen Gurnsey and Sanborn.

Fire Department.—Alderman Thayer, Councilmen Phillips and Felch.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Hutchins and Whittle.

Water Works.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Pratt and Martin.

Printing.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen Wilson and Harlow.

Schools.—Alderman Prouty, Councilmen Gale and Nye.

Claims.—Alderman Tilden, Councilmen French and Hutchins.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Prouty, Councilmen Phillips and Whittle.

Public Library.—Alderman Wright, Councilmen Hutchins and Gale.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen Prouty, Ball and Thayer.

Licenses.—Aldermen Tilden, Ball and Wright.

Simmons and Ministerial Fund.—Aldermen Prouty, Tilden and Thayer.

Police.—Aldermen Ball, Tilden and Prouty.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen Sanborn, Gurnsey and Nye.

Elections.—Councilmen Pratt, Sanborn and Nye.

CITY SOLICITOR :

Silas Hardy.

CITY TREASURER :

Henry O. Coolidge.

CITY MARSHAL :

Edwin R. Locke.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS :

Daniel H. Holbrook, Edward Joslin, John Humphrey,

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS :

Lewis Holmes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS :

John L. Butler.

ASSESSORS :

John W. Babbitt,	Augustus T. Wilder.
Sylvester Spaulding,	Charles Abbott,
Laton Martin.	

COLLECTOR OF TAXES :

Shubael White.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

Dexter W. Gilbert.

JUSTICE OF THE POLICE COURT :

Edward Farrar.

POLICE OFFICERS :

Edwin R. Locke,	Parker C. Butler,
George H. Kellogg,	Jacob Staples,
Frank C. Hardy,	John W. Babbitt,
Francis D. Griswold,	Jonas C. Rice,
Frederick L. Pitcher,	Charles Holton,
Ralph J. Holt,	James H. Smith,
Philander Howland,	James Bierne,
Samuel O. Gates,	William S. Bonny.

CONSTABLE :

Edwin R. Locke.

CITY MESSENGER :

Philander Howland.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS :

G. C. Hill, Orren Starkey, Hosea Foster.

CITY PHYSICIAN :

G. C. Hill.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

E. E. Bissell,	Hiram Stowell,
Joseph Whitney,	Shubael White,
Horace Hamblett.	

TRUSTEES OF WOODLAND CEMETERY :

Hadley P. Muchmore, John G. Stone, Elbridge Clarke.

CITY SEXTON :

Arba Kidder.

[For List of Members of Fire Department. see Report of Chief Engineer.]

CITY ORDINANCES.

CITY OF KEENE:

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Public Library.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

SECTION 1. That the general care and management of the Public Library shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to consist of six persons, three of whom may be ladies, and all of whom shall serve without compensation ; to be appointed by the City Councils during the months of January, 1878 ; two of whom shall be appointed for three years, two for two years, and two for one year ; and during the month of January of each year hereafter, two members shall be appointed, who shall each hold office for the term of three years. Persons appointed to fill vacancies arising from resignation or other causes, shall hold office for the unexpired portion, only, of the term of the original appointee.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees may establish such rules and regulations for the government of their body, and the management of the Public Library, as they may deem advisable. They shall see that suitable rooms are provided for the use of the Library. The Librarian shall be elected by the City Councils in the month of January ; his salary shall not exceed three hundred dollars each year, to be paid quarterly. The Trustees shall purchase all books, and certify to all bills relating to the same, and to the ordinary expenses of the Library ; and they shall make an annual report to the Board

of Mayor and Aldermen, on the first day of December, of the condition of the Library, the amount expended for books, repairs, salary, rent, incidental and ordinary expenses, and such other matters relating to the Library as they may consider of general interest.

SEC. 3. The Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to expend such sums of money as may be from time to time appropriated by the City Councils for the benefit of the Public Library, but shall have no power to pledge the credit of the City for any debts that may incur.

SEC. 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1st, 1878.

GARDNER C. HILL, *President Common Council.*

E. FARRAR, *Mayor.*

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY-EIGHT.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money for the ensuing year.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the following sums of money be raised by taxation, and appropriated for the following purposes, to wit :—

For Highways and Bridges,	\$7,000 00
For Ordinary City Charges,	4,400 00
For Fire Department,	2,000 00
For City Paupers,	2,500 00
For Interest on Water Loan,	3,000 00
For Public Library,	500 00
For Lighting Street Lamps,	1,600 00
For Police,	2,000 00
For Town Debt and Interest.	3,000 00
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	\$26.000 00

AN ORDINANCE in amendment of Chapter I. of General Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That Section 9, Chapter I. of the General Ordinances be amended as follows : by striking out from the fourth line the words “ once in three months ” and inserting the following, “ at the close of each month,” and also to insert after the word “ required ” in same line the following, “ and report the same to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen monthly.”

A RESOLUTION in relation to the pay of Firemen.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :—

That the Firemen be paid the sum of six dollars and fifty cents each, in addition to the sum allowed by law.

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing a contract for Lighting Street Lamps.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :—

That the Mayor be authorized, in behalf of the City, to enter into a contract with the Keene Gas Light Co. for lighting the street lamps, and keeping the same in repair for one year from January 1, 1878, on the following conditions, to wit :—

Said Gas Light Co. shall furnish gas and light all the street lamps in said city on such nights as the moon is not visible, from one hour after sunset till ten o'clock p. m., for one year from January 1, 1878, for the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, to be paid in equal quarterly payments. Three lamps to be lighted through the night for one year, for the additional sum of one hundred dollars. Should there be added more posts and lanterns, not exceeding ten in number, they shall be lighted without extra charge. The Mayor or City Marshal may, whenever they deem it necessary, light or cause said Gas Light Co. to light the street lamps other than at such times as hereinbefore provided. Also, on special occasions, cause them to burn through the entire night without extra

charge. All lamps shall be lighted before dusk, and none extinguished before ten o'clock p. m.

Said Gas Light Co. shall keep all posts and lanterns in thorough repair, furnish new burners, stop-cocks and glass when needed, also alcohol for keeping the pipes free from frost, and cause all lanterns to be cleaned at least four times during the year, for an additional sum of two hundred dollars; provided, should any place require new posts or lanterns, it shall not be included in the aforesaid sum.

A RESOLUTION in relation to Uncollected Taxes.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a special Committee be appointed, consisting of one Alderman and two Councilmen, who are hereby instructed to obtain or prepare a list of all delinquent taxes due the city prior to the year 1877, and report the same to the City Councils, and to recommend such action as they may deem expedient, to be taken by the Councils for the collection or abatement of the said uncollected taxes.

AN ORDINANCE amending an Ordinance in relation to City Physician.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That Section Third of the Ordinance providing for the appointment of a City Physician be changed to read as follows, viz: Sec. 3.—He shall attend upon all cases of disease, and furnish all needed medicines at his own expense, and perform all the professional services that may be required in the Police Station or elsewhere by the City Marshal or Assistant. He shall keep a true record of the names of all patients, and date of visits, and present the same to the Overseers of the Poor once a month.

That Section Fourth be amended by substituting the words "two hundred dollars" in place of the words "one hundred and fifty dollars."

AN ORDINANCE in amendment of an Ordinance relating to Woodland Cemetery.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the following addition shall be made to "an Ordinance relating to Woodland Cemetery," which took effect January 1, 1878, viz :

SECTION 13.—The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall cause to be prepared and deposited with the City Clerk a duplicate copy of the plan and record book ; and shall furnish the City Clerk with a report of the lots sold and money received quarterly or oftener, and all deeds must be countersigned by the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees before delivery to the grantee.

Also, that Section 4 of said ordinance be amended by adding after the word "lots," in the eighth line, the words "of the same Section."

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Memorial Day.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated and granted to a proper committee to aid in the appropriate celebration of Memorial Day, May 30, 1878.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to Discount on Taxes.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That a discount of three per cent. be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes assessed this year on or before the fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1878.

A JOINT RESOLUTION fixing the salary of the City Librarian.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the salary of the City Librarian be at the rate of three

hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal quarterly payments, until otherwise established by the City Councils.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to uncollected Taxes.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the Mayor be requested to cause the Tax Collectors for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877 to present forthwith a statement of their accounts of all taxes placed in their hands for collection, not abated, and to pay to the City Treasurer the residue of all taxes as aforesaid, in default thereof to proceed according to the law of the State of New Hampshire.

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter I., Section 9, of the General Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That Chapter I., Section 9 of the General Ordinances be amended by inserting after the word "dollars," in the sixth line of the section, "and shall make his final settlement with the City Treasurer at such time as is required by his warrant to pay the residue of all taxes and interest."

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Indebtedness of the City.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the Bonds of the city, in denominations of one hundred, five hundred, and one thousand dollars, be issued to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars. bearing date Jan. 1, 1879, at the rate of five per cent. interest, to run twenty years, with interest coupons attached payable semi-annually, and be offered to purchasers at par ; and that the moneys so raised be applied towards the payment of the water bonds due at that date ; and that the balance then due on water bonds and the amount then due for town bonds be paid from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated ; and this

Resolution be published in the city papers, inviting applicants for these bonds to give notice in writing to the City Clerk on or before the first day of October next, of the amount to be subscribed for the same; provided that no one person, firm or corporation be allowed to subscribe for more than five thousand dollars previous to the first day of October, A. D. 1878.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of James B. Elliot.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Whereas, James B. Elliot, a resident of this city, has represented to the Board that he purposes establishing the manufacture of harvesting machines in or near this city, and has petitioned that in case he establishes such manufacture in this city, the land, buildings, machinery and material used in such manufacture, to the value of twenty thousand dollars, be exempt from all taxes for the term of five years. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that in case James B. Elliot, his representatives or assigns, within one year hereafter establishes the manufacture of harvesting machines in this city, his or their building or buildings used for such manufacture, together with the machinery used therein for said purpose, and the land upon which said buildings shall stand or shall occupy, shall be and hereby are made free from all taxes for the term of five years from and after such manufactory shall be begun.

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing a Committee of Investigation in relation to the Manchester and Keene gratuity.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Mayor and City Solicitor, together with three members of the City Councils who shall be appointed, consisting of one Alderman and two Councilmen, shall constitute a special committee authorized to employ counsel and experts to examine the Manchester and Keene railroad, and to do any other acts they may deem expedient or necessary (in order to decide whether the city is legally bound to pay gratuity to the Manchester and Keene Railroad Co.,) and take any other

action they may deem necessary regarding said gratuity. And the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw such sum of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of such investigation from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of Trustees of Woodland Cemetery.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to Hadley P. Muchmore for services as Superintendent and Trustee of Woodland Cemetery, and the sum of forty dollars be paid to John G. Stone, and fifteen dollars to Elbridge Clarke, for services as Trustees of Woodland Cemetery for the year 1878.

J. S. TAFT, *President Common Council.*

R. STEWART, *Mayor.*

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1877, to December 1, 1878, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debts.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS' AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

E. Farrar, salary as Mayor, $\frac{1}{4}$ year, 1877,	\$ 50 00
R. Stewart, " " $\frac{3}{4}$ year, 1878,	150 00
S. Hardy, salary as Solicitor,	50 00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as Clerk,	350 00
C. H. Whitney, Clerk Common Council, $\frac{3}{4}$ year, '78,	37 50
C. A. Gale, " " " 1877,	50 00
S. White, salary as Collector,	350 00
Charles Abbott, salary as Assessor,	100 50
J. W. Babbitt, " "	117 50
L. Martin, " "	118 00
S. Spaulding, " "	168 25
A. T. Wilder, " "	96 25
J. W. Babbitt, " " Balance, 1877,	15 00
H. O. Coolidge, salary as Treasurer,	50 00
P. Howland, City Messenger,	200 00
J. H. Leach, City Physician,	43 75
G. C. Hill, " "	131 25

E. E. Bissell, Overseer of Poor,	\$20 00
S. White, “	20 00
H. Foster, “	20 00
D. H. Holbrook, “ 1877,	20 00
H. Hamblet, “ “	20 00
J. Whitney, “ “	20 00
D. W. Gilbert, School Superintendent,	65 00
O. Starkey, Health Commissioner,	20 00
J. H. Leach, “	20 00
E. Farrar, Police Justice,	100 00
E. Brooks, Librarian,	209 85
Miss Lizzie Brooks, Librarian,	90 86
Board of Education,	168 00
J. W. Sturtevant, Moderator,	4 00
R. Hyland, “	2 00
Isaac Aldrich, “ three years,	6 00
J. F. Emmons, Ward Clerk,	2 50
A. P. Little, “	5 00
E. Spaulding, “	2 50
R. N. Whitney, “	5 00
A. N. Nims, “	5 00
Samuel Nims, Selectman,	5 00
S. B. Aldrich, “	5 00
C. Abbott, “	10 00
W. H. Babbitt, “	5 00
D. R. Cole, “	5 00
J. W. Howe, “	5 00
C. A. Mason, “	5 00
S. A. Morse, “	5 00
J. W. Raymond, “	5 00
M. A. Stowell, “	5 00
J. H. Smith, “	5 00
Albert Wright, “	5 00
A. J. Williams, “	5 00
C. Wright, “	5 00
E. Putnam, “	5 00
A. O'Brien, “	5 00
L. Martin, express Manchester, &c.,	27 25
S. Spaulding, express to Concord,	15 00

Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	\$705 25
W. B. Allen, “	24 00
J. N. Morse, “	86 01
A. Baker, rent,	10 00
Cheshire Railroad Co., “	30 00
Mrs. Edwards, “	40 00
J. H. Elliot, “	5 00
M. J. Sherman. “	6 00
J. G. Warren, “	147 96
Cheshire County, “	50 00
Kirk & Sewell, charcoal,	75
Spencer & Co., coal,	56 09
W. B. Fitch, wood,	12 50
M. Armstrong, plumbing,	116 94
James Donnelly, “	21 43
J. B. Allen, bounty on hawk,	20
F. Benton & Co., “	1 20
H. O. Pond, “	20
M. Eveleth, “	20
F. H. Keyes, bounty on foxes,	2 50
J. J. Russell, “	2 50
M. Willson, “	1 00
Keene Gas Light Co.,	241 79
Keene Water Works, water rates,	58 00
F. K. Burnham, repairing settees,	17 23
Ball, Barrett & Co., bricks,	5 93
C. H. Butler, labor,	4 00
G. F. Chamberlain, labor,	2 50
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work on hall,	5 64
F. B. Clark, painting sign,	6 50
A. H. Grimes, painting store,	31 19
A. Kingsbury, painting,	71 07
E. McGovern, “	5 20
George Carroll, whitewashing,	2 00
Davis, Wright & Co., tin work, &c.,	7 85
Saker & Downer, “	1 25
L. C. Doolittle, copying tax list 1877,	45 00
“ “ 1878,	47 50
“ insurance on city hall,	100 00

L. C. Doolittle, postage, &c.,	\$4 62
“ paid for cleaning cellar,	1 25
W. R. Dunham, certificate,	1 00
G. M. Flagg, “	4 75
Drummer and Gurnsey, overpaid taxes,	16 33
George Jackson, “	2 02
W. H. Ellis, care of water trough,	3 00
B. F. Foster, “	3 00
Fuller & Whitney, surveying cemetery,	59 50
W. & T. J. French, oil, &c.,	5 10
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work on engine house,	201 63
Griffith & Freeman, repairs to wagon,	1 00
E. W. Gustine, lamps, &c.,	5 00
N. G. Gurnsey, work on pasture,	35 00
J. B. Hyland, care of lamps,	17 51
P. Howland, trucking,	5 42
Knowlton & Stone hose fixtures,	4 91
E. R. Locke, washing, &c., lock-up,	14 98
W. E. Metcalf, lamp chimneys,	85
H. Morton, stationery,	2 50
W. H. Spalter, “ and books,	22 75
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery and books,	190 64
S. W. Raymond, moving engine house,	187 50
J. W. Raymond, building culvert,	150 00
W. W. Ross, work on engine house,	21 25
Ray Bros., blacksmithing,	2 22
N. Richards, cutting brush in pasture.	81 10
G. F. Sanborn, gas pipe, &c.,	4 40
Sanborn & Hubbard, piping, &c.,	22 47
Social Union, table,	2 00
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, map for library,	1 50
A. Smith, postage,	3 00
C. N. Tottingham, varnishing hearse,	21 00
N. G. Woodbury, settees for hall. &c.,	119 65
A. T. Wilder, work.	16 00
S. Wadsworth & Co., clock for library,	7 25
Thos. Wright, work in old cemetery,	9 00
H. E. Hubbard, plastering,	75
D. W. C. Hill, repairs to wagon,	8 00

C. Bridgman, brooms,	\$ 1 10
R. R. Powers, work city hall stove,	3 90
J. R. Livermore, fencing pasture, 1877,	15 00
L. Martin, team,	5 00
Keene Gas Co., gas for Public Library,	14 80
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	7 50
J. J. Allen, recording deeds,	80
W. H. Hubbard, piping, &c.,	13 60
A. A. Bundy, carpenter work,	2 25
L. L. Hathorne, repairing roof city hall,	4 90
A. S. Carpenter, damage,	885 77
J. W. Buckminster, “	137 21
G. Y. Sawyer, counsel fees,	125 00
J. R. Livermore, repairing fence of city pasture,	7 25
A. L. Menter, work in pasture,	3 00
G. B. Twitchell, medical fees,	22 50
J. E. Parmenter, Ward Clerk,	5 00
Chas. P. Page, work in city pasture,	3 00
F. Davis, Supervisor,	14 00
E. Harlow, “	14 00
George K. Wright, perambulation town lines,	44 10
A. A. Ellis, lumber engine house,	31 09

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Balance of appropriation, Dec. 1, '77,	\$ 542 46
Am't appropriated by Councils, '78,	8,402 00
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	\$8,942 46

CITY PAUPERS.

C. Bridgman, groceries, &c.,	\$ 69 97
W. & T. J. French, groceries, &c.,	159 14
J. M. Farnum, “	10 81
A. H. Grimes, “	104 50
P. H. McCushing, “	63 25
Pollard & Holbrook, “	10 44
A. T. Wilder, “	72 43
Amidon & Chase, clothing,	5 00
D. E. Ladd, “	1 50

Seward, Willard & Co., “	\$ 9 25
Jackson & Darling, meat, &c.,	16 53
Nims, Wyman & Co., “	3 10
Bancroft & Griswold, “	79
W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods,	1 59
E. W. Gustine, shoes,	17 80
S. Spaulding, “	1 90
C. G. Shedd, “	8 25
A. H. Hamblett, boarding,	159 50
N. H. Insane Asylum, boarding,	368 61
State Reform School, “	227 80
Dort & Chandler, drugs and medicine,	56 79
Hyland & Dort, “ “	25
G. C. Hills, “ “	29 45
E. Clark, books and stationery,	5 48
E. E. Bissell, books and stationery,	54
W. H. Spalter, “ “	137 52
G. H. Tilden & Co., “	117 60
A. M. Eastman, wood,	2 25
W. H. Ellis, “	2 13
W. B. Fitch, “	4 50
Keene Chair Co., “	12 50
D. M. Nichols, “	5 50
John Robbins, “	4 38
W. M. Stone, “	5 00
E. Wilber, “	9 00
J. A. Woodward, “	6 13
A. J. Williams, “	2 50
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	11 96
Spencer & Co., “	13 93
Cheshire Prov. Institution, rent,	24 00
F. O. Nims, “	24 00
L. Nims, “	8 00
Mrs. R. W. Webster, “	10 00
P. Howland, trucking,	3 00
John Lahiff, Sexton, labor,	4 00
H. Stowell, labor,	6 00
N. G. Woodbury, coffin,	10 00
J. Whitney, affidavits,	2 30

Mrs. R. W. Webster, rent,	\$ 8 00
Mrs. L. N. Hill,	10 00
S. O. Gates, use of team,	3 72
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	\$1,835 34

COUNTY PAUPERS.

C. Bridgman, groceries, &c.,	\$145 63
W. & T. J. French, “	229 00
A. H. Grimes, “	98 32
Pollard & Holbrook, “	40 13
P. H. McCushing, “	96 17
A. T. Wilder, “	113 24
Bancroft & Griswold, meat and provisions,	1 69
G. W. Isham, “ “	1 50
Nims & Wright, “ “	6 05
Nims, Wyman & Co., “ “	4 79
C. G. Britton, milk,	7 74
G. W. Blaisdell, “	1 80
A. G. Flagg, “	1 55
F. Gallager, “	3 75
J. G. Butler, “	65
A. M. Baker & Co., shoes,	13 40
E. W. Gustine, “	40 45
W. R. Raymond, “	1 00
C. G. Shedd, “	22 70
S. Spaulding, “	2 25
J. R. Beal & Co., clothing,	30 50
D. E. Ladd & Co., “	3 45
Seward, Willard & Co., “	11 40
W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods,	3 94
E. R. Bissell, “	2 90
W. H. Ellis, boarding,	5 86
O. J. Howard, “	78 14
R. P. Leonard, “	70 60
J. W. Russell, “	112 84
M. McLaughlin, “	56 47
H. M. Parkhurst, “	13 50
E. R. Locke, tramps,	323 35

M. Barrett, wood,	\$ 5 00
A. W. Eastman, wood,	6 75
C. H. Ellis, “	6 00
W. B. Fitch, “	11 00
H. Joslin, “	7 00
W. W. Mason, “	5 50
D. M. Nichols, “	9 50
Henry Phelps, “	1 50
H. Stowell, “	6 50
Charles Tarbox, “	5 00
D. W. Wilson, “	2 00
J. A. Woodward, “	1 13
J. Mentor, “	4 50
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	12 07
Mrs. T. Duncan, nursing,	47 43
Cornelia Gunn, “	2 00
Lydia A. Richardson, nursing,	10 00
Contingent fund, railroad fares, &c., by overseers,	112 35
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight,	1 60
E. Chambers, rent,	52 00
A. Kidder, Sexton, services,	10 00
Dr. G. B. Twitchell, services,	5 50
M. T. Tottingham, coffin,	8 00
J. Whitney, express to Concord,	11 50
N. H. Insane Asylum,	313 50
State Reform School,	198 03
Universalist Society, work on clothing,	2 68

\$2,429 59

Balance appropriated Dec. 1, 1877,	\$ 324 99
Amount appropriated in 1878,	2,500 00
Received from County, 1878,	2,179 73
“ “ Milford,	10 81
“ “ H. S. Martin, for aid,	4 00
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	\$5,019 53

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

King Iron Bridge Co., balance Island street bridge,	\$100 00
Nourse & Dean,	270 88
C. Pressler,	15 33
D. R. Holbrook,	5 00
J. R. Livermore, salary, &c., 1877,	275 40
J. L. Butler, salary, $\frac{3}{4}$ year,	412 50
“ pay roll, &c.,	2,549 96
D. B. Stearns, labor, &c.,	25 50
Benjamin Britton,	1 50
George K. Wright,	104 45
Irving Curtis,	73 81
J. H. Smith,	59 70
Arba Stearns,	70 31
Charles Abbott,	3 65
Charles H. Butler,	50
C. A. Mason,	11 15
Calvin Randall,	1 00
David Miles,	137 19
F. P. Smith,	1 50
David A. Brown,	4 25
James Dunham,	1 00
A. H. Hamblet,	6 10
John Lawrence,	10 65
J. Kingsbury,	5 50
Charles W. Heaton,	7 00
M. S. Buckminster,	185 60
D. Darling,	2 50
J. W. Cross,	35
E. W. Kimball,	1 00
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	31 76
Spencer & Co.,	17 30
E. S. Ellis, labor, &c.,	111 39
C. N. Wilder,	249 47
M. C. Ellis,	29 39
Charles Abbott,	37 86
Frank O. Wright,	67 02
A. E. Metcalf,	20 00

Charles Wright, labor, &c.,	\$64 59
A. A. Nims, “	17 50
H. M. Nims, “	23 11
T. T. Russell, “	13 75
C. R. Nims, “	4 00
E. Eveleth, “	59 80
F. D. Reed, “	5 00
A. G. Nims, “	5 00
R. S. Graves, “	10 00
J. R. Livermore, plowing snow.	8 25
O. D. Pratt, “	4 50
Lewis Holmes, “	3 50
S. O. Gates, “	8 39
P. Howland, “	20 00
E. W. Gustine, moving lamp post,	2 00
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuse,	14 89
L. Martin, team,	5 00
Wm. Metcalf, painting,	5 00
M. T. Tottingham, painting.	6 25
E. W. Greenwood, poles,	18 49
W. H. Brooks, blacksmithing.	14 63
Keene Granite Co., curb stone,	28 47
Goodnow & Co., lumber,	11 88
A. Dickinson, “	9 72
F. B. Clark, painting signs,	7 00
C. W. Wyman, labor, &c.,	6 50
Phelps Brothers, “	14 65
H. O. Esty, “	10 00
Y. Jones, blacksmithing,	2 95
G. W. Ball, steel and iron,	6 28
J. Chase, lumber,	15 03
C. Randall, labor, &c.,	1 50
G. Morse, “	6 14
G. H. Nims, “	10 00
Gleason & Sawyer, street signs,	5 50
S. O. Gates, use of team,	1 25
Thomas Grimes, labor, &c.,	5 00
Moses Ellis & Co., iron,	5 10
L. Bridge, labor,	2 00
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	\$5,514 18

Balance of appropriation, Dec. 1, 1877,	\$ 542 70
Amount appropriated, 1878,	7.000 00
	<u>—————</u> \$7,542 70

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

William H. Babbitt, services, &c.,	\$35 00
A. O. Fiske,	28 25
G. G. Bradford,	27 50
H. H. Barker,	27 50
G. D. Wheelock,	28 75
Charles Abbott,	28 75
J. E. Griffith,	15 00
F. A. White,	25 00
J. M. Gowdy,	9 50
Deluge Engine Co., pay roll,	342 00
Neptune Hose Co.,	190 00
Washington Hook & Ladder Co., pay roll,	190 00
Phoenix Hose Co.,	190 00
Sanborn & Hubbard, work,	97 48
J. Kingsbury,	33 25
George Forbes,	30 00
J. S. Kinsman,	25
G. M. Carroll,	1 00
E. Simonds,	17 50
B. L. Fisk,	2 00
J. L. Richardson,	9 00
J. L. Riley,	9 00
M. F. Mansfield,	9 00
C. K. Pemberton,	2 00
Davis, Wright & Co., tin work, &c.,	25 19
Amidon & Chase, repairing uniforms,	11 50
W. H. Preckle,	2 40
E. R. Geer, repairing hose, &c.,	99 80
S. S. Wilkinson,	75
P. O'Leary,	26 25
J. A. Riley,	3 75
E. Carrigan,	17 00
Barrett & Cary,	8 00

S. M. Raymond, use of hose,	\$ 1 50
L. Martin, “	22 00
P. Howland, “	9 00
Lewis Bridge, “	7 00
W. H. Hubbard, work on hose carriage,	31 12
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	9 00
Hills & Bullard, oil, &c.,	4 37
C. Bridgman, “	68
D. J. Foss & Co., “	184 01
D. W. Brooks, ringing bell,	9 50
W. B. Fitch, wood,	29 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	2 04
Keene Gas Co., gas,	50 80
Spencer & Co., hardware,	2 00
Knowlton & Stone, “	25 24
G. W. Tilden & Co., stationery,	10 66
M. T. Tottingham, painting,	4 00
A. Kingsbury, “	6 05
J. & F. French,	3 25
Thomas Harmon, iron pipe,	2 26
Ray Brothers, blacksmithing,	12 50
Cheshire Railroad. freight,	3 00
F. F. Gleason,	9 00
C. H. Drummer, refreshments,	2 50
Mrs. P. Bovin, work on uniforms,	13 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries, &c.,	24 00
H. Joslin, use of horse,	5 00
H. A. Woodbury, use of horse,	3 00

\$2,029 85

Balance, December 1, 1877,	\$264 55
Amount appropriated, 1878.	2,000 00

\$2,264 55

STREET LAMPS.

Keene Gas Co., lighting street lamps,		\$1,625 00
J. B. Hyland,	" "	7 56
E. W. Gustine, supplies,		2 15
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		\$1,634 71
Balance Dec. 1, 1877,	\$303 00	
Amount appropriated,	1,600 00	
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

G. H. Tilden & Co., books, &c.,		\$173 21
W. H. Spalter,	"	182 24
Mrs. Weston,	"	4 50
I. Prouty,	"	5 00
Lizzie M. Brooks, repairing books,		3 50
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		\$368 44
Balance of appropriation, 1877,	\$ 23 67	
Amount appropriated, 1878,	500 00	
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LAND DAMAGES.

Baptist Society,		\$36 00
J. Hoit,		1 25
T. Russell, 1877,		5 00
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		\$42 25

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,		\$12,725 08
" 2,		340 21
" 3,		191 68
" 4,		154 00
" 5,		234 60
" 6,		217 04
" 7,		135 00
" 8,		90 25

District No. 9,	\$204 45
“ 10,	435 17
“ 11,	105 47
Marlboro' District, tax on school house, 1877,	19 50
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	\$14,852 45

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount assessed for high school building,	\$11,500 00
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2.

Amount assessed for repairs on school house, &c.,	\$60 00
Paid committee,	\$60 00

SIMMONS FUND.

Miss M. P. Ellis,	\$10 00
Mrs. A. Reed,	10 00
Mrs. A. Cummings,	5 00
Hezekiah Billings,	12 00
Miss Jane Tufts,	8 00
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	\$45 00
Balance, Dec. 1, 1877,	\$ 1 00
Amount of interest, 1878,	60 00
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	\$61 00

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Rev. G. W. Brown,	\$23 93
Rev. W. W. Hayward,	23 93
Rev. W. O. White,	23 93
Rev. W. H. Eaton,	23 93
Rev. C. Richardson,	23 93
Rev. G. W. Norris,	23 93
Rev. J. A. Leach,	23 93
Rev. P. Halahan,	23 93
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Amount of interest, 1878,	\$191 44

WATER WORKS.

L. Holmes, Superintendent, salary,	\$500 00
“ “ rent, 2 years,	100 00
“ “ paid for labor,	154 27
J. Humphrey, salary as Water Commissioner,	\$30 00
E. Joslin, “ “ “	30 00

D. H. Holbrook, salary as Water Commissioner,	\$30 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books,	12 00
Knowlton & Stone, supplies,	13 10
Spencer & Co., cement,	2 38
E. W. Gustine, supplies,	31 75
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POLICE.

E. R. Locke, salary as City Marshal,	\$100 00
“ travelling expenses,	6 30
“ police,	747 25
G. H. Kellogg, “	729 88
“ travelling expenses,	3 60
J. Staples, police,	332 67
P. C. Butler, “	15 62
F. C. Hardy, “	5 62
F. D. Griswold. “	20 00
J. H. Smith, “	2 25
J. W. Babbitt, “	2 00
F. L. Pitcher, “	2 00
H. Joslin, “	4 00
James Smith, “	4 00
S. O. Gates, “	2 00
R. J. Holt, “	2 00
L. Holmes, “	2 00
A. J. Towns, “	2 00
P. Howland, “	2 00
Patrick J. Kirk, “	2 00
W. H. Reyoum, “	17 00
Keene Gas Co., gas.	39 20
S. Babcock & Son, use of team.	4 00
P. Howland & Son, “	2 10
Western Union Telegraph Co., telegraphing,	1 50
Spencer & Co., coal,	22 43
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	11 67
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery,	40
Isaac Aldrich. police 1875. '76 and '77.	43 20
	<hr/> \$2,128 69
Balance appropriated, Dec. 1, 1877.	\$ 253 08
Amount “ 1878,	2,000 00
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RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Rent of stores,	\$3,114 50
Licenses,	30 00
Rent of hall,	601 25
Police Court fees,	61 00
City pasture,	170 14
Public Library,	85 07
Interest on State bonds,	132 00
County, on pauper account,	2,179 73
Town of Milford,	10 81
Supt. water works,	6,728 08
Taxes, 1873,	\$200 00
“ 1874,	205 30
“ 1875,	100 00
“ 1876,	4,000 00
“ 1877,	15,800 00
“ 1878,	56,000 00
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	\$76,305 30
Pauper aid refunded,	4 00
Ice from reservoir,	125 00
For sewer on Court street,	70 00
Savings Bank tax,	8,533 83
Railroad tax,	4,089 71
Insurance tax,	179 63
Literary fund,	496 22
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	\$102,916 27
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 1, 1877,	6,052 98
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	\$108,969 25

EXPENDITURES.

County tax,	\$9,645 96
Salaries and ordinary charges,	7,623 28
City paupers,	1,835 34
County paupers,	2,429 59
Highways and bridges,	5,514 18

Fire Department,	\$2,029 85
Lighting street lamps,	1,634 71
Public Library,	368 44
Land damage,	42 25
Schools,	14,852 45
Union School District,	11,500 00
School District No. 2, for repairs,	60 00
Simmons Fund,	45 00
Decoration Day,	100 00
Water works,	903 50
Police.	2,128 69
Ministerial Fund,	191 44
State tax for 1877,	11,988 00
Interest on town bonds,	180 00
Interest on water bonds,	9,408 00
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	\$82,480 68
Balance in treasury Dec. 1, 1878,	26,078 57
“ for dog fund,	410 00
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	\$108,969 25

ASSETS DECEMBER 1, 1878.

State bonds,	\$2,200 00
Note and interest, Henry O. Esty,	1,760 00
Due from State Treasurer,	1,311 39
“ Water Works,	1,005 76
“ Collector, 1873,	357 46
“ “ 1874,	319 45
“ “ 1875,	366 25
“ “ 1876,	2,131 54
“ “ 1878,	17,752 79
Balance in treasury Dec. 1, 1877,	26,078 57
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	\$51,083 21

INDEBTEDNESS.

Town note,	\$ 200 00
Water loan,	154,200 00
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	\$154,400 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY.

City hall building,	\$20,000 00
Furniture,	800 00
Fire Department,	11,000 00
Pasture,	2,000 00
Tools and supplies. Keene Water Works,	507 00
“ highways,	100 00
City Marshal's office,	227 00
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	\$34,634 00

We have examined the Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. STEWART,
E. C. THAYER,
J. FRENCH,
L. MARTIN.

Committee on Finance.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene :

The Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, and recommend that the same be raised by taxation, viz :

For Highways and Bridges,	\$7,400 00
Ordinary City Charges,	7,500 00
Fire Department,	2,000 00
City Paupers,	2,000 00
Interest on Water Loan,	3,000 00
Public Library,	500 00
Lighting Street Lamps,	1,600 00
Police,	2,000 00
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	\$26,000 00

R. STEWART,
E. C. THAYER,
J. FRENCH,
L. MARTIN,

Finance Committee.

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

KEENE, Dec. 1, 1878.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Keene.—

GENTLEMEN : I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of the Highway Department from January 1, 1878, to Dec. 1.

Our roads the past season have suffered badly, first from heavy rains and later from very dry weather ; but I think they are now in very good condition. On our bridges I have been obliged to use a large quantity of plank and stringers. The Hardy bridge over the Ashuelot has been, I may say, newly built, for we could use but very little of the old timber. A bridge across the Branch has been repaired with one new abutment, new stringers and plank.

Sidewalks have not been neglected. On most of the streets they have been improved to a greater or less extent, and new ones constructed. Six hundred and thirty-seven loads of river gravel have been used on six different streets.

Soon after I was appointed to take charge of the highways, I was led to believe that the roads in some of the outside districts might be worked to better advantage by the inhabitants living on them. Accordingly, with the advice of some of the city officials, I employed the following men to take charge of such sections of roads as would be most convenient for them to repair, with instructions to hire sufficient help to do the work. They are as follows :—

Calvin Randall, from Pond's to Surry line, east road,	\$ 2 50
Chas. Wright, from burying ground to Gilsum line,	45 24
Charles Abbott. old Walpole road,	41 51
J. H. Smith, road east West Hill, and West Hill roads,	59 70
E. S. Ellis. south part old Westmoreland road and road out to Blake's,	96 32
Irving Curtis, north part old Westmoreland road,	69 28
M. C. Ellis, new Westmoreland road,	29 37
Chas. N. Wilder, from his house to Chesterfield line,	249 47
D. B. Stearns, from his house to Chesterfield road,	22 50
H. O. Esty, care of road to his farm one year,	10 00
A. G. Nims, care of road to his farm one year,	5 00
Graves, care road from his house to Marlboro' road 1 yr,	10 00
Charles Eveleth, north part of branch road,	57 13
M. S. Buckminster, middle Beech Hill road and the north road out to Concord road,	50 03
Geo. K. Wright, south part Concord road from Beaver brook to A. Wright's,	79 99
Miles Davis, east part Concord and Nims road,	137 19
Metcalf and Nims. old Gilsum road,	30 00
F. O. Wright. Sullivan roads from Davis's,	58 09
C. W. Wyman, from Westmoreland road to C. Abbott's,	6 50
F. D. Reed, care of road to his farm one year,	5 00
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All the above roads have been put in good repair.

The following are the outside roads worked in connection with the city work :

South Beech Hill road to Roxbury line.

Chatman road south to Marlboro' road.

Marlboro' road to line and Branch road to Roxbury line.

Old Fairbanks road, and two roads from South Keene to Swanzey line.

Main street road to Swanzey line.

Winchester street road to Swanzey line.

West street road around to Surry road.

Court street road to Surry line.

Washington street Beaver brook road to Gilsum line.

Road from Bridge place to Sullivan line.

Ash Swamp meadow road.

STATEMENT FROM JAN. 1, 1878, TO APRIL 1.

J. L. Butler, one quarter salary,	\$137 50
Laton Martin, scraping sidewalks,	5 00
A. R. Stearns, 7031 feet hemlock lumber,	70 31
S. O. Gates, scraping sidewalks and snowing bridge,	8 39
C. H. Butler, shoveling snow,	50
C. A. Mason, work on bridge,	1 50
F. P. Smith, scraping snow,	1 50
D. A. Brown, snowing bridge and cutting ice,	4 25
James Donahue, work on road,	1 00
A. H. Hamblett, breaking roads and drawing poles,	6 10
P. Howland, carting snow, snowing bridge and scrap- ing walks,	20 00
John Lawrence, cutting ice and work on road,	4 00
J. R. Livermore, snowing bridge and clearing walks,	8 25
I. Kingsbury, clearing sidewalks and work on roads,	5 50
C. W. Heaton, snowing bridge and cutting ice,	7 00
L. D. Darling, breaking roads,	2 50
Benjamin Britton, work on road,	1 50
Lewis Holmes, clearing sidewalks,	3 50
O. D. Pratt, clearing sidewalks,	4 50
C. R. Nims, breaking roads,	4 00
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	\$296 80

APRIL STATEMENT.

Labor pay roll for April,	\$47 40
Team work for April,	96 16
Wm. Dickinson, 30 loads sand and hard-pan,	3 00
Savings Bank, 1 load gravel,	10
J. L. Butler, 19 loads sand,	1 90
H. M. Nims, 8 loads sand,	64
Robert Doyle, 59 loads gravel,	5 90
R. H. Holman, moving old steam boiler from highway,	1 00
Wm. Metcalf. stone for highway,	5 00
E. W. Greenwood, 2465 feet railing poles,	18 49
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	\$179 59

MAY STATEMENT.

Labor pay roll for May,	\$182 70
Team work for May.	228 58
Hamblett, sluice stringers,	\$ 37
Spencer & Son, work,	75
Henry Phelps, work,	65
Savings Bank, 29 loads gravel,	2 90
J. W. Cross, drawing 1 load gravel,	35
E. D. Kimball, repairing bridge,	1 00
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	\$417 30

JUNE STATEMENT.

J. L. Butler, salary one quarter,	\$137 50
Labor pay roll for June,	136 07
Team work for June,	159 37
Paid Hamblett for sluice stringers,	62
J. L. Butler, 10 loads sand,	1 00
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuse,	6 06
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	\$440 62

JULY STATEMENT.

Labor pay roll for July,	\$59 96
Team work for July,	58 50
Robert Doyle, 40 loads gravel,	4 00
Spencer & Son, work,	25
Davis & Wright, water can,	60
Cheshire Railroad Co., 13 loads gravel,	1 04
Griffith & Freeman, work,	15
Wm. Dickinson, 102 loads rotten stone and hard-pan,	10 20
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe and hardware,	25 71
C. A. Mason, 965 feet hemlock plank,	9 65
John Lawrence, work on highway,	5 85
Wm. H. Brooks, blacksmithing,	10 67
Keene Granite Co., granite,	28 47
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	\$215 05

AUGUST STATEMENT.

Labor pay roll for August,	\$149 80
Team work for August,	173 06
J. L. Butler, 33 loads red loam and sand,	3 30

Phelps, fixing and filing saw,	\$ 75
W. B. Reed, 201 loads hard-pan,	12 06
Wm. Dickinson, 163 loads rotten stone and hard-pan,	16 30
L. B. Page, 19 loads sand,	2 85
E. A. Nims, team work,	17 50
H. M. Nims, team work and sand,	23 11
T. T. Russell, team work,	13 95
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	\$412 68

SEPTEMBER STATEMENT.

J. L. Butler, salary one quarter,	\$137 50
Labor pay roll for September,	178 61
Team work for September,	208 11
Use of grindstone,	10
Splitting plank,	10
Wm. Dickinson, 138 loads rotten stone and hard-pan,	13 80
W. B. Reed, 97 loads hard-pan,	5 82
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	\$544 04

OCTOBER STATEMENT.

Labor pay roll for October,	\$214 47
Team work for October,	324 34
Ira Holman, man and tools $\frac{1}{2}$ day on bridge,	2 00
French, filing saw,	25
J. L. Butler, stringers for sluice,	50
“ 128 loads red loam and sand,	12 80
Wm. Dickinson, 156 loads rotten stone and hard-pan,	15 60
C. Faulkner, 30 loads sand,	1 50
H. M. Nims, 8 loads sand,	64
Josiah Kingsbury, repairing bridge,	1 75
M. T. Tottingham, bill for road-crossing signs,	6 25
Charles Wright, drawing bridge timber,	19 35
M. S. Buckminster, repairing bridge,	135 57
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	\$735 02

NOVEMBER STATEMENT.

Labor pay roll for November,	\$111 61
Team work for November,	108 31
A. L. Harkness, 21 loads sand.	1 74

N. O. Hayward, 9 loads gravel,	\$ 54
L. Bridge, drawing plank,	50
Patrick Dee, 44 railing posts,	2 64
J. L. Butler, paid freight bill,	2 16
“ G. W. Parker, painting sign posts,	50
S. E. Wyman, repairing bridge,	1 00
Frank Foster, 41 loads gravel,	5 12
H. M. Nims, 18 loads gravel,	1 44
H. Page, 1 load sand,	15
J. L. Butler, 12 loads sand,	1 20
Wm. Dickinson, 62 loads rotten stone and hard-pan,	6 20
J. L. Butler, paid grinding axe and splitting plank.	37
Cheshire Railroad Co., 2 loads gravel,	16
N. O. Hayward, 2489 feet hemlock plank,	24 89
Gleason & Sawyer, street signs,	5 50
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuse,	1 47
G. Morse, lot covering stone,	6 14
Geo. W. Ball, 26 lbs. steel drill and 8 lbs. hammer,	6 28
Thomas Grimes, repairing highway,	5 00
Joseph Chase, 3006 feet hemlock timber,	15 03
Y. Jones, blacksmithing,	2 95
Wm. H. Brooks, blacksmithing,	3 96
Spencer & Co., spikes, nails, &c.,	14 24
F. B. Clark, painting street signs,	7 50
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	6 07
N. O. Hayward, hemlock lumber,	86 91
Geo. K. Wright, 903 feet plank,	9 03
S. O. Gates, man and team,	1 25
M. Ellis & Co., plow points and grates,	5 10
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	\$444 96

TOOLS AND STONE ON HAND.

One large road scraper, 3 small road scrapers, 3 plows, 8 picks, 8 shovels, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 steel rake, 3 large drills, 6 small drills, 3 iron bars, 1 hoe, 1 paving hammer, 2 large hammers, 1 small hammer, 1 saw, 1 cold chisel, 1 axe, 150 square feet stone.

J. L. BUTLER,

Superintendent of Highways.

WATER WORKS.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

KEENE, N. H., DEC. 1, 1878.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

We herewith transmit the Superintendent's Report of the Keene Water Works for the year ending Dec. 1st, which we have examined, and find correct.

The earnings for the year have been—

Cash received, as per Superintendent's account,	\$6,728 08
Uncollected dues,	1,005 76
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	\$7,733 84
Less dues reported Dec. 1, 1877,	662 85
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Total earnings,	\$7,070 99
Working expenses, as per Superintendent's report,	903 50
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Net earnings,	\$6,167 49

The income has been rather above the average of the last three or four years, while the working expenses have been the least of any year since the works have been in operation.

The Superintendent's report gives the detailed account of expenditures, &c., with remarks respecting the condition of the works, which, we think, have been well and economically managed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HUMPHREY,
EDWARD JOSLIN,
DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,

Water Commissioners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners of the City of Keene:

GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to the provisions of the city ordinances, the Superintendent respectfully submits the following report:

The water supply during the past year has been sufficient, and for the most part of good quality. There has been an unusual number of leaks, but the works are now in a satisfactory condition.

Number of service pipes. Dec. 1, 1877.	824
" " Dec. 1, 1878,	843

RECEIPTS.

Collected on old assessments,	\$ 525 44
" this year,	6,159 79
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	\$6,685 23

REC'D FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN WATER RATES.

M. Armstrong,	\$4 00
J. D. Colony & Sons,	16 10
Cheshire Railroad Co.,	8 00
E. O. Keith,	8 50
G. F. Sanborn,	4 50
Charles Wright, 2d,	50
Albert Wright,	50
N. G. Gurnsey,	75
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	\$42 85

Total receipts for the year,	\$6,728 08
Amount deposited with Treasurer,	6,728 08
Water rates uncollected,	\$848 75
Due for ice from reservoir,	125 00
Due from other sources,	32 01
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	\$1,005 76

No extensions have been made the past year, leaving construction account the same as last year. Total cost of works, \$159,893 26

EXPENDITURES.

The following list was included in the Superintendent's bills rendered to and paid by the city :

Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co.,	\$ 7 25	
Downer & Saker,	3 13	
E. O. Keith,	11 35	
M. Armstrong,	2 25	
Lewis Bridge,	2 50	
Keene Furniture Co.,	16 00	
Humphrey Machine Co.,	21 18	
Knowlton & Stone,	8 35	
Barrett & Co.,	3 00	
Davis & Wright,	4 22	
H. W. Hubbard,	1 16	
Keene Gas Light Co.,	4 78	
Cash paid for labor on repairs, trucking, horse-hire, stationery, postage and other small bills,	69 10	
	<hr/>	\$154 27

BILLS PAID BY CITY.

G. H. Tilden & Co.,	\$ 12 00	
Commissioners' salaries,	90 00	
Superintendent's salary, one year,	500 00	
Knowlton & Stone,	13 10	
Spencer & Co.,	2 38	
L. W. Holmes, rent of office two years,	100 00	
E. Gustine,	31 75	
	<hr/>	\$749 23
Total expenditure for year.		<hr/> \$903 50

PROPERTY NOW ON HAND BELONGING TO CITY.

2 6-inch valves,	\$30 00
174 ft. 4 in. pipe,	80 00
69 ft. 6 in. "	70 00
153 ft. 3 in. "	40 00
150 ft. 2 in. "	30 00
2 post hydrants,	80 00
Lot of old cement pipe,	10 00

Rubber boots and mittens,	\$ 5 00
Pails and lanterns,	3 00
2 pair pipe-tongs,	8 00
2 hammer-wrenches,	2 00
24 picks,	30 00
Lot of shovels,	10 00
1 pair snips,	2 00
Rubber cloth and twine,	25 00
8 stop-cocks,	8 00
1 1½ in. valve,	1 00
1 pump,	6 00
2 brush-brooms,	2 00
Office furniture,	25 00
2 water-gauges,	30 00
Lot of wrenches,	10 00

 \$507 00

 LEWIS HOLMES, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, KEENE, DEC. 1, 1878.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils:—

In presenting my first annual report of the operations of the Department which have come under my supervision for the year ending Dec. 1, 1878, I shall endeavor in this report to embody all matters of interest with the working of the Department which I judge to be for the best interest of the City and the Department. I have been connected in one way or another with the Department for a good many years, which leads me to ask some questions concerning the reasons why our Department is not up to the letter of the law. Do we, as citizens, take that interest in the Fire Department which we ought? Do we pay our firemen compensation enough, so that we can get the best men? I would recommend for your consideration the sum of \$12 per year, which seems to me small compensation enough for our firemen.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good working order. Nothing new has been ordered for the Department during the year. The engine houses are in very fair condition, having been moved the past season to more suitable grounds. The grounds in front of the houses should be put in more passable condition: there should be a covering over that coarse gravel, so as to make good wheeling for the hose carriages.

MANUAL FORCE.

The manual force of this Department consists of a Chief Engineer and six Assistants, twenty members of the engine company, sixty members of the hose company, and twenty members of the hook and ladder company. In addition to

the paid Department there are : one engine and hose carriage at South Keene, one two-wheeled jumper at Symonds' tannery and one at Hope steam mills. The engine and hose company are manned by men employed at the works where they are located.

We have been called out eight times this year, the fire at Taft & Co.'s pottery resulting in the heaviest loss.

HOSE.

There are now in the Department 4519 feet of hose, of the following descriptions : 3069 feet of 2½-inch leather hose, in good condition ; 500 feet of linen hose, worn out and condemned ; 100 feet of 2½-inch rubber lined hose, in good condition ; and 400 feet of 2-inch hose, good as long as it lasts. We have gone through the year without any addition of hose to the Department ; and it seems to me that with care we can get through another year without any addition to the above.

FIRE ALARMS.

This is one of the most important branches of the Fire Department. We have what purports to be an alarm, and it seems to be anything but what it should be. It is almost impossible to hear it outside of the Square, and can scarcely be designated from the city clocks. I hope that our city fathers will give this their most earnest attention. It is almost at any time liable to operate disastrously to us. Everybody knows it is necessary for the firemen to hear an alarm before its call can be answered.

STEAMER.

I would recommend that if the two engines and jumpers can be sold, a steamer should be procured. Everybody is aware that by the extension of our water works among the water-takers, the pressure is thereby reduced. With a steamer we might add more efficiency to the Department without costing any more than it does at present. There should be one jumper located in the vicinity of High street, which can be done without any additional expense to the city except the cost of new hose. There are citizens enough who will volunteer to take it out in case of fire.

FIRE PATROL.

This is a most important branch of the service, which should be added to every well organized Fire Department. It is for the purpose of looking after property at fires, and protecting the same. My thanks are especially due to the City Marshal and his assistants for their services in this direction for the past year. There should be three or four of our policemen appointed, in connection with their other duties, to look after goods and chattels which have to be moved more or less at fires, as a great saving thereby might be made.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I extend my thanks to His Honor the Mayor, and also to the various members of the different Boards with whom I have had official relations; also to the Assistant Engineers who have helped me so faithfully during the year; and last, though not least, to the Fire Department, who have responded so cheerfully to the feeble calls made upon them from our alarm. It is a gratification to me to know that we have men in our Department that can be trusted in any emergency that may arise.

ALARMS OF FIRES.

Jan. 5.—Taft & Co.'s pottery. Loss \$20,000, insurance \$16,000.

March 24.—Barn on the Mahar place, Elm street. Loss trifling.

March 30.—Spencer's house, on Dunbar street; burning out of chimney. Loss small.

April 23.—Watchman's shanty burnt near Cheshire Railroad bridge; used as a shelter for bridge boy.

May 1.—Fire at Jason French's house, on Franklin street. Insurance covered loss.

June 6.—Fire caused by spark from chimney, Carpenter's house, on Water street. Loss small.

July 7.—Fire at Robert Doyle's house, on Marlboro' street. Insured for \$2000, loss \$600.

July 30.—Fire at the old bakery on Washington street. Insured for \$600 on stock and building. Total loss.

PAY ROLL OF THE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS FOR 1878.

(OFFICE UNDER CITY HALL.)

Chief Engineer, A. O. Fiske,	\$30 00
1st Assistant, George D. Wheelock,	25 00
2d “ Freeman A. White,	25 00
3d “ Charles Abbott,	25 00
4th “ Henry H. Barker,	25 00
5th “ Columbus A. Mason,	25 00
6th “ George A. Whitney,	25 00
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WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER CO., NO. 1.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

W. H. Preckle, Foreman,	\$9 50
R. W. Smith, 1st Assistant,	9 50
Horace Joslin, 2d “	9 50
Edwin H. Stone, Clerk,	9 50
Harvey Evans, Steward,	9 50
Albert B. Carpenter,	9 50
Joseph E. Griffith,	9 50
James M. Cone,	9 50
Alfred Richardson,	9 50
George H. Kingsman,	9 50
Albert Fish,	9 50
Henry Woodbury,	9 50
William Stevenson,	9 50
Thomas R. Cummings,	9 50
Henry Hall,	9 50
Enoch Aiken,	9 50
Charles Butterfield,	9 50
Ambrose Howard,	9 50
Benjamin Wilder,	9 50
G. H. Smith,	9 50

DELUGE ENGINE & HOSE COMPANY.

(HOUSE IN REAR OF CITY HALL.)

Peter Bouvier, Foreman,	\$9 50
Thomas F. Barrett, 1st Assistant,	9 50
George C. Starkey, 2d “	9 50
Gilman Carey, 3d “	9 50
Irving Griffith, 4th “	9 50
James F. Gallagher, Clerk and Steward,	9 50
Patrick O'Leary, Treasurer,	9 50
John H. Burns,	9 50
Fred Clark,	5 50
George L. Carroll,	9 50
Thomas S. Harmon,	9 50
James O'Leary,	9 50
Henry I. Dowd,	9 50
Michael O'Neil,	9 50
Gilbert Perry,	9 50
Joseph Bouvier,	9 50
Patrick Burns,	9 50
James Carney,	9 50
A. H. Barrett,	9 50
Frank Hammond,	9 50
M. J. O'Donnell,	9 50
John Carrigan,	9 50
Daniel Sweeney,	9 50
Patrich Shea,	9 50
John Phillips,	9 50
R. R. Powers,	9 50
Corbet Osier,	9 50
Joseph Burns,	9 50
Michael Carey,	9 50
Frank Tidd,	9 50
James Leahy,	9 50
J. F. Bigelow,	9 50
James O'Neil,	9 50
John Leahy,	9 50
Fred M. Rogers,	9 50
Thomas S. Cuff,	9 50

NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY NO. 2.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

E. Symonds, Foreman,	\$9 50
Wm. C. Cleary, 1st Assistant.	9 50
George E. Forbes, 2d “	9 50
James A. Riley, Treasurer,	9 50
William H. Trask, Clerk,	9 50
John Coffey, Steward,	9 50
Charles A. Bouvjer,	9 50
Jerry Doyle,	9 50
H. W. Eastman,	9 50
Roswell Low,	9 50
James Hannon,	9 50
Daniel Coffey,	9 50
James Coffey,	9 50
William Richards,	9 50
Con Donovan,	9 50
Dennis Willett,	9 50
Daniel Crowley,	9 50
Thomas E. Reed,	9 50
James Reason,	9 50
F. F. Gleason,	9 50

PHENIX HOSE COMPANY, NO. 4.

(HOUSE ON RAILROAD SQUARE.)

J. S. Richardson, Foreman,	\$9 50
H. W. Harvey, 1st Assistant,	9 50
A. D. Towne, 2d “	9 50
F. C. Foster, Clerk,	9 50
E. P. Carrigan, Steward,	9 50
J. A. Batchelder,	9 50
H. H. Haynes,	9 50
C. E. Harrington,	9 50
E. L. Willard,	9 50
George F. Howe,	9 50
George H. Russell,	9 50
George Rogers,	9 50
Charles A. Balch,	9 50

Walter Hudson,	\$9 50
Walter Mansfield,	9 50
Fred Towne,	9 50
Abbott Dickenson,	9 50
Charles Starkey,	9 50
Fred Quinn,	9 50
Frank Wheelock,	9 50

RECAPITULATION.

Board of Engineers, 7 men,	\$180 00
Washington Hook and Ladder, No 1, 20 men,	190 00
Deluge Engine and Hose Co., No. 1, 40 men,	380 00
Neptune Hose Co., No. 2, 20 men,	190 00
Phoenix Hose Co., No. 4, 20 men,	190 00
Making a total of 107 men, paid	<u>\$1,130 00</u>

For other expenses, see report of Committee on Finance.
 Estimated amount of money needed next year for ordinary
 expenses of the Department, \$2,000 00

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Deluge engine and hose carriage,	\$1,300 00
Neptune hose carriage,	750 00
Phoenix hose carriage,	350 00
Two old Neptune jumpers,	250 00
No. 5 Hose Station, Beaver Mills,	125 00
No. 7 Hose Station, West Street, tannery,	125 00
Washington No. 1, hook and ladder,	350 00
Niagara engine and hose cart, South Keene,	600 00
Deluge engine house,	1,000 00
Neptune hose and hook and ladder house.	800 00
Phoenix hose house,	800 00
Fire alarm at city hall,	150 00
1000 feet leather hose, good,	1,475 00

3000 feet of very good leather hose,	\$3,000 00
450 feet 2-inch leather hose, old,	150 00
100 feet rubber-lined hose, new,	115 00
1 barrel hose oil,	75 00
100 uniforms, 40 at Deluge and 20 each at Phoenix, Neptune, and Hook and Ladder,	300 00

Total valuation,	<u>\$11,715 00</u>
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I am, gentlemen, respectfully yours,

ALBERT O. FISKE, *Chief Engineer.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Overseers of the Poor, constituting a Joint Board, the Mayor being Chairman, *ex-officio*, report for the fiscal year, ending Dec. 1, 1878, that they organized by choosing E. E. Bissell, of Ward 1, Clerk, and Joseph Whitney, of Ward 2, Treasurer. The ordinary expenses for the support of the poor for the past year have been less than previous years, for which the tax payers have reason to be thankful. As all bills in this Department have been examined and allowed by the Board at the end of each month, and again examined and passed by the Committee on Claims, we omit the names of those aided and the amount paid each.

For the expenditures of this department we refer you to the table prepared by the Committee on Finance.

The tramp question has been a source of trouble and annoyance, and the bills for their support the first part of the year were very large. Arrangements were made by the Overseers with the City Marshal to feed and lodge all tramps that should apply from the first day of April, 1878, to the first day of January, 1879, for thirty-five cents each per day, including keeping the station in a clean and healthy condition, taking affidavits and feeding all persons under arrest free of charge to the city, which duties he has performed to the satisfaction of the Board. The problem in regard to tramps was solved by the Legislature at its last session, in June, and since the passage of the tramp law the bills for feeding and lodging transient persons have been few and small. The majority of the Board made a contract for the support and care of tramps which they thought was beneficial at the time, but two mem-

bers of the Board thought a saving might have been made for the city and County by contracting with other parties. If we made a mistake it is too late now to mend it, and we hope the future Board will improve upon these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. BISSELL,
JOSEPH WHITNEY,
HIRAM STOWELL,
SHUBAEL WHITE,
HORACE HAMBLETT,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Trustees of Woodland Cemetery for the year ending December 1, 1878 :

RECEIPTS.

Received for lots sold,	\$ 224 00
“ grass sold,	12 00
“ wood and saplings,	151 14
Drawn from Savings Bank,	1,375 00
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	\$1,762 14

Amount in Savings Bank Dec. 1, 1878, \$813 02.

ACCOUNT OF SUMNER CARPENTER FUND.

Dec 1, 1878, amount in bank,	\$40 33
Interest to July 3, 1878,	2 03
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	\$42 36

EXPENDITURES.

Jonathan Hall, surveying and drawing plans,	\$126 25
Patrick Mahar, grading avenues and walks,	45 95
Nelson Norcross,	36 25
James Larvin,	121 73
Peter Heffner,	85 88
Patrick Dolan,	49 30
G. W. Porter,	48 25
Peter Lynch,	5 50
C. A. Mason,	12 10
Alfred Richardson,	11 00

J. W. Raymond, splitting stones,	\$8 25
Stamps and stationery,	35
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	3 01
Discount on note Cheshire National Bank,	1 00
J. S. Kinsman, cementing fountain and repairing tomb,	11 07
J. W. Dunn, frames for notices,	3 12
Grass signs,	13 10
Nims, Whitney & Co., glazing signs,	85
Horace Joslin, trucking,	1 50
P. Howland, “	25
Post office order, .	13
D. H. Holbrook, lumber and work,	32 00
Albert Wright, labor with team,	3 50
L. K. Sparks, drawing saplings,	6 95
Ray Brothers, sharpening picks and axe,	2 62
N. G. Woodbury, sawing posts,	1 00
A. R. & E. S. Foster, lumber for bridge,	3 28
Sawyer & Gleason, cover for fountain,	5 93
George Lang, labor with team,	16 00
Ira B. Holman, building 146 9-33 rods of road,	475 63
“ cutting 10½ cords of wood,	10 50
“ cutting and drawing saplings,	55 70
“ laying bank wall on new road,	15 00
Nourse & Dean, laying 4661 feet of stone in ditch,	349 58
“ grading ditch,	3 00
“ team work on road,	3 20
“ extra on end of ditch,	1 00
Josiah Menter, grading Sherman Hill,	150 00
“ work on new road,	2 00
George K. Wright “	3 50
M. J. Sherman, stone,	6 00
Balance on hand,	30 93

\$1,762 14

I certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Woodland Cemetery, and found them correct.

GEORGE K. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committee on Burying Grounds.

The Trustees early in the Spring made an inspection of the grounds belonging to the Cemetery. They found the old part in a bad condition. Many of the lots had been built into the walks and avenues, making them narrow and uneven. It was decided to remedy this at once, and make the grounds conform to the original plan as near as possible.

While this was being done they had the lots raked over, the trees trimmed, and the brush and other accumulations were removed. This caused considerable expense, but the grounds in future can be kept in good condition by a small outlay each year. After inspecting the new part of the Cemetery, they decided to lay out the grounds west of Woodland avenue, and obtained the services of Jonathan Hall to make the necessary surveys and plans. After they were completed they called for sealed proposals to build 147 rods of avenue on the west side of the grounds leading to George street, and the contract was awarded to Ira B. Holman, for \$3.25 per rod, he being the lowest bidder. The work was done thorough, and to the satisfaction of the trustees.

The contract for grading Sherman Hill in the southeast corner of the grounds, was awarded to Josiah Menter. The hill was very steep, and the ground in the vicinity was low and unfit for burial purposes. The grading of the hill has furnished about fifty lots, that are all ready to occupy, and in a very pleasant location. In addition to these there is an avenue around the base of the hill.

The ditch forming the boundary line between M. J. Sherman's land and the Cemetery was badly washed by the Spring rains. The banks were undermined, and the water washing into the meadow caused considerable damage to Mr. Sherman. The dirt carried down was deposited in the ditches below, filling them up and causing a large expense to remove it. It was decided that a wall should be constructed of sufficient strength to withstand the force of the water.

Accordingly plans and specifications were prepared, and sealed proposals for doing the work called for. Messrs. Nourse & Dean were the lowest bidders, and the contract was awarded to them for 7½ cents per cubic foot. The building of these walls was somewhat expensive, but the cost of repairing

the ditches and damage to the land of Mr. Sherman would in a few years have equalled it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. MUCHMORE,
ELBRIDGE CLARKE,
JOHN G. STONE,

Trustees of Woodland Cemetery.

Keene, Dec. 1, 1878.

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I beg leave to submit the following report of this office for rents, &c., for the year ending Dec. 1, 1878:

For rent of stores in city hall building,	\$1,775 00
Ground rent,	15 00
Water rates,	44 00
License,	30 00
Due from Knowlton & Stone, as per 1877 report,	5 00
" J. Adams & Co., " "	112 50
" Colton, " "	7 00
Amount on hand Dec. 1, 1877,	\$1,170 00
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	\$3,158 50

Rec'd S. Wadsworth & Co., store rent,	\$425 00
" " " water rates,	7 00
" F. C. Hardy, store rent,	475 00
" " " water rates,	7 00
" A. H. Grimes, store rent,	450 00
" " " water rates,	7 00
" J. Adams & Co., store rent,	225 00
" Wyman, Nims & Co., "	312 50
" " " water rates,	7 00
" S. Babcock & Son, "	9 00
" Knowlton & Stone, ground rent,	20 00
" for license,	30 00
Due from Colton,	14 00
Amount on hand,	1,170 00
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	\$3,158 50

Amount deposited,	\$3,144 50
" due,	14 00
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	\$3,158 50

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

KEENE, N. H., DEC. 1. 1878.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

I have the honor to submit my report as City Messenger.
from Dec. 1, 1877. to Dec. 1. 1878.

Rent of City Hall for month of December, 1877,	\$ 40 00
“ “ “ January, 1878,	102 00
“ “ “ February, “	47 00
“ “ “ March, “	88 25
“ “ “ April, “	14 00
“ “ “ May, “	58 00
“ “ “ June, “	41 00
“ “ “ July, “	00 00
“ “ “ August, “	30 00
“ “ “ September, “	31 00
“ “ “ October, “	89 00
“ “ “ November, “	61 00

Paid City Treasurer, \$601 25

Yours respectfully,

P. HOWLAND, *City Messenger.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Keene:—

The Health Commissioners, in making their annual report, would say that there is, of necessity, a sameness from year to year.

The same cause remains unremoved that has been the bane of our city (to-wit, a lack of sewerage) for years; and although there has been no sickness that the Board could, in their opinion, trace directly to this lack of drainage, yet there have been many complaints that required their attention. In most cases where the matter seemed to require an order they have been attended to by the parties implicated without cost to the city.

The simple fact that, in times of high water, some cellars contiguous to main drains are flooded for a few hours, has not been considered a matter that the Board could with propriety entertain, and therefore have made no orders when such complaints have been made.

We congratulate the city on the healthiness of its inhabitants the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. C. HILL, M. D.,
OREN STARKEY,
HOSEA FOSTER,
Health Commissioners.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable City Councils:

Conformable to the Ordinance governing the City Physician, I herewith present the second annual report. Deaths: Patrick Lines, aged twenty-three years; John King, aged thirty-two years; Samuel O'Connor, aged eighteen years. Causes of death, consumption. There have been four births.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. HILL, *City Physician.*

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 1, 1878.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor of presenting for your consideration a portion of the doings and general condition of the Police Department for the financial year ending Nov. 30, 1878.

The Department is composed of a force of fifteen men, the pay roll of which is as follows, viz :—

City Marshal,	\$ 100 00
Day and night patrolmen,	1,810 00
Members on special occasions,	48 85
Total,	<hr/> \$1,958 85

There are incidental expenses connected with the Department, for detailed account of which see report of Finance Committee.

The working force of the Department consisted of one day and one night patrolman, excepting for about five months, during the Summer, when circumstances were such that I did not consider it safe nor prudent for one man to do duty alone through the night, consequently an extra man was detailed as night watchman.

Whole number of arrests for the year has been,

Males,	304
Females,	6
Total,	<hr/> 310

The offences for which arrests have been made comprise,

Assault and battery,	10
Cruelty to animals,	9
Common drunkard,	1

Drunkenness,	264
Disturbance of the peace,	6
Disturbing religious meeting,	1
Horse stealing,	1
Insane,	2
Larceny,	5
Obtaining goods under false pretences,	2
Runaway from home,	2
Tramp,	1
Truancy,	1
Threatening,	6

Total,	311
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Number brought before Police Court,	23
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The whole number of persons applying for and accommodated with food and lodgings at the Station House for the year, has been,

Males,	908
Females,	5

Total,	913
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By a contract with the Overseers of the Poor, I agreed to furnish all persons applying for food and lodging with the same for thirty-five cents each, and the County Commissioners also agreed to refund said sum to the city, by my furnishing a proper affidavit, showing the liabilities of the County, which they have done as the bills have been presented. By the Overseers giving me this contract, I further agreed to take all care of Station, including the washing of blankets, pillow cases, &c., also to feed all persons under arrest free of charge to the city; consequently, tramps have cost the city nothing *directly*, neither have they but a very small amount *indirectly*, for, by the last part of the contract, it has saved very *nearly*, if not quite, their proportion of the County tax.

Therefore I can see no good reason why any one (who understands the matter fully) should find fault with the contract, unless they expect the city to make a *profit* off the tramp business.

Compare if you please the expenses with those of 1876, by

which it will be seen that quite a large sum was paid for *transients* or *tramps*, which was not received back from the County, but was a dead loss to the city.

For the past few years the tramp question has proved a very knotty problem, but it has been solved by the enactment of a law, which, judiciously enforced, I believe to be one of the very best that could have been devised.—Exit tramp.

The miscellaneous duties of the Police during the year have been of no small importance, as the following table will show, which comprises but a small proportion of their work:

Disturbances suppressed,	47
Intoxicated persons sent home,	130
Intoxicated persons assisted home,	54
Buildings found open in the night-time and secured,	7
Stray teams found and cared for,	6
Lights left burning by mistake and reported,	11
Defective streets and sidewalks reported,	28
Parties notified to remove snow from buildings,	12
Street lamps reported as not in a condition to burn,	13
Fire alarms given,	5
Nuisances reported,	3
Nuisances suppressed,	36
Number of dogs killed,	9
Value of goods found and returned to owners,	\$430 00
Value of stolen goods recovered,	257 00

My report as Truant Officer will appear in the report of the Board of Education.

Schedule of Property in use by the Police Department:

1 stove and pipe,	\$24 00
6 mattresses,	12 00
7 pillows,	1 75
6 chairs,	3 90
16 pillow cases,	2 40
12 towels,	1 75
14 blankets,	20 00
1 desk,	20 00
1 office table,	5 00
4 iron pails,	4 00

2 pails and mop,	\$ 75
Drinking cups and soap dish,	50
Sponge,	20
1 kettle,	90
1 dust pan,	25
1-lawn mower,	15 00
1 grass hook,	75
1 rake,	25
1 hoe,	75
1 hatchet,	75
1 feather duster,	1 75
1 spittoon,	50
1 broom,	25
2 lanterns,	2 00
1 dark-lantern,	1 00
1 snow-shovel,	75
2 brushes,	50
1 coal-shovel,	50
1 "General Statutes of New Hampshire,"	5 00
1 "Town Officer,"	2 50
1 inkstand and pen-holder,	50
Lot blanks.	4 00
2 belts,	6 75
2 batons,	2 00
2 patent nippers,	3 00
7 chain "	7 00
2 patent flexible police clubs,	4 00
10 caps,	30 00
5 duplex police calls,	5 00
16 badges.	20 00
4 pairs hand-cuffs,	16 00
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	\$227 90

During the year no general disturbance has occurred, and although several offenses against property have been committed, the Department has been quite successful in recovering both lost and stolen property. And may I not be allowed to congratulate myself, my officers, and our law-abiding citizens, upon the flattering exhibit of our labors in this branch of our Department?

Although my report shows a large number of arrests for drunkenness, they were mostly a class of men called here by the building of the Manchester & Keene Railroad—such as are generally found about public works—many of them unfortunates, having no ambition, and unable to control their appetite for strong drinks—nearly all of this class were kept till sober and discharged.

While scores of our people are out of employment, and many of them alarmingly poor, and are obliged to call upon the city for food and raiment, it is very gratifying for me to be able to say that for the last few years crime has not increased in our city, and it is with a great degree of confidence that I assert that the latter fact is attributable in a great measure to the efficiency of the police force.

I desire to express my acknowledgements to all the members of the Department for the prompt and faithful manner in which, on all occasions, they have performed their duties.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to His Honor the Mayor, and the members of the City Councils, for the courtesy, uniform kindness and forbearance extended to me upon all occasions connected with our official intercourse.

In the discharge of the duties of City Marshal, I have endeavored to dispose of all matters brought to my notice in a faithful manner, always in my feeble way working for the best interests of the city. How well I have succeeded I leave to your Honorable Board and my fellow citizens.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

E. R. LOCKE, *City Marshal.*

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the Hon. City Councils:

I make the following report of matters that have come under my care the past year:

The case of Dr. A. S. Carpenter, pending in court at the last report, which was for alleged damages to his buggy and his *nervous system*, received by reason of *carelessly* driving off the highway on West hill, in a night of *total darkness*, was tried by jury at the last term, and resulted, to the utter surprise of all parties, in a verdict of \$816.77 damages. It was a most unreasonable verdict, and another evidence of the *incapacity* of many jurymen and their unfitness for such a position, and a forcible commentary upon the judgment of some selectmen, whose duty it is to make a "list of such persons as they judge best qualified to serve as jurors." If they follow this order, it proves a lamentable *degeneration* among the people.

The law of *review*, having been repealed by the last Legislature, this verdict and judgment thereon unfortunately becomes a finality in the case.

The case of J. W. Buckminster, to recover for the breaking of the leg of a twenty years old horse, on West street, was tried by jury and resulted in a verdict of \$94.49 damages, being principal and interest. The *breaking* was easily proved, but *how* it was done was a mystery, not proved; but the jury thought, as one said, that the city could afford to lose it better than a poor man could.

The case of Lowell Wilbur, pending in last report, for alleged injuries on highway, near Faulkner & Colony's mill, was tried last April, and a verdict rendered for the city. Exceptions were taken by the plaintiff, and carried to the law term, which were overruled, and the verdict stands for the city, which will carry taxable costs. At last term the plaintiff moved for a new trial, but whether granted, will depend upon the result of a hearing. I see no reason why it should be granted.

The suit of James B. Elliot, to recover damages to his

land by reason of a drain down Elliot street, was referred to D. H. Holbrook ; but no hearing has been had. Mr. Elliot's new mill property having been exempted from taxation, we might reasonably hope he would drop the case.

At the last April review, J. G. Warren entered a petition to have the appraisal of his brick block, on Washington street, reduced ; the appraised value that year (1877) being \$7,500. The matter was referred to Ellery Albee to report the facts. A hearing will be had before the report is printed.

A petition for a new highway, or relaying an old one, on the route from the school house on the hill, towards Sullivan, having been denied by the Mayor and Aldermen, an appeal was taken and entered at last term, and referred to the County Commissioners, who have since had a hearing, and will report at next term. It is reported, however, that they have decided to relay the highway for the purpose of grading down *three hills*, two of which have been travelled a hundred years or more, and the present travel is much less than formerly, but as Keene has to foot the bills, a *few* local inhabitants must be accommodated.

I know of no other cases now pending in court in which the city have any interest.

A few suits have been commenced against the city as trustees of the Manchester & Keene Railroad Company, on account of the gratuity, supposed to be due by the plaintiffs, which, if entered into court, will have to be attended to.

It seems almost useless, viewed in the light of the past, for Keene to contend against claims for damages on highways, or appeals, by reason of not laying out highways, because such cases are necessarily decided by men outside of Keene, who have a common selfish interest in compelling Keene to keep its highways in a much better condition than highways in their own towns.

SILAS HARDY, *Solicitor*.

REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.

KEENE, Dec. 1, 1878.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Keene :

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following report :

Thirty-seven civil actions have been entered in said Court the past year.

There have been sixty arraignments before the Court for the following causes, viz :

Selling mortgaged property,	1
Adultery,	1
Falsehood in hiring a horse,	1
Disturbing a school,	1
Keeping a disorderly house,	1
Murder,	1
Embezzlement,	2
Malicious mischief,	2
Being common drunkards.	2
Being tramps,	2
To furnish sureties to keep the peace,	2
Obstructing officer,	2
Cruelty to animals,	2
Violating liquor law,	4
Larceny,	5
Assault and battery,	8
Burglary,	10
Being intoxicated,	13

These cases were disposed of as follows :

Sentenced to pay fines conditionally,	9
“ unconditionally,	10
Sentenced to House of Correction,	3
Held to answer at Supreme Court,	26
Ordered to find sureties of the peace,	2
Not prosecuted to judgment,	7
Discharged on trial,	2

Of those sentenced to pay fines conditionally and unconditionally, nine paid their fines to the Court, amounting to \$61.

The others were committed for non-payment.

To jail.	2
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To the House of Correction,	8
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In four of the above cases the arraignments were before the Special Justice, in all of which the defendants were sentenced to pay fines, of whom two paid their fines and two were committed for non-payment.

Of those held to answer at the Supreme Court, four were minors under the age of seventeen years, and were sent to the Reform School.

E. FARRAR, *Justice.*

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF CITY PASTURE.

To the Hon. City Councils:

By a vote of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings were authorized to take charge of the City Pasture for the year ensuing. The Committee, on examining the same, found it necessary to cut and burn the brush in order to get more grass, which has been done, and as agent of the said Committee I beg leave to submit the following report:

Amount paid for cutting and burning brush, &c.,	\$140 63
" repairs on fence,	7 50
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	\$148 13

Number of cows pastured the past season, 12, at	
\$12 00 each,	\$144 00
Amount deposited with the Treasurer Dec. 16, 1878,	144 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. BALL, *for Committee.*

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

REPORT FOR 1877.

DR.	
Amount of warrant,	\$75,916 25
Taxes added after warrant was issued,	329 00
Interest collected,	36 00
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	\$76,281 25

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Cash paid Treasurer in 1877,	\$56,500 00
“ “ 1878,	15,800 00
Since closing of Treasurer's book,	70 67
Discounts,	2,471 86
Abatements,	1,298 85
Property sold to City for unpaid taxes,	139 87
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	\$76,281 25

SHUBAEL WHITE, *Collector.*

REPORT FOR 1878.

Whole amount called for as per warrant,	\$75,639 77
Amount deposited with Treasurer,	
as per vouchers, to Dec. 1,	\$56,000 00
Discount on taxes to July 15,	1,227 82
Abatements to Dec. 1,	658 16
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	\$57,885 98
Balance uncollected Dec. 1,	17,753 79
Amount collected to date,	2,100 00
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Leaving a balance uncollected,	\$15,653 79

SHUBAEL WHITE, *Collector.*

Keene, Dec. 16, 1878.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

Owing to the growing importance of the Public Library and the constantly increasing labor required in its management, the City Councils, on the 19th of December, 1877, passed an Ordinance transferring its control from a Committee of three in the City Government, to a Board of six Trustees, with duties and restrictions as follows :

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Public Library.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :

SECTION 1. That the general care and management of the Public Library shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to consist of six persons, three of whom may be ladies, and all of whom shall serve without compensation, to be appointed by the City Councils during the month of January, 1878 ; two of whom shall be appointed for three years, two for two years, and two for one year ; and during the month of January of each year hereafter, two members shall be appointed, who shall each hold office for the term of three years. Persons appointed to fill vacancies arising from resignation or other causes, shall hold office for the unexpired portion only, of the term of the original appointee.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees may establish such rules and regulations for the government of their body and the management of the Public Library as they may deem advisable. They shall see that suitable rooms are provided for the use of the Library. The Librarian shall be elected by the

City Councils in the month of January. His salary shall not exceed three hundred dollars each year, to be paid quarterly. The Trustees shall purchase all books and certify to all bills relating to the same, and to the ordinary expenses of the Library; and they shall make an annual report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, on the first day of December, of the condition of the Library, the amount expended for books, repairs, salary, rent, incidental and ordinary expenses, and such other matters relating to the Library as they may consider of general interest.

SEC. 3. The Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to expend such sums of money as may be from time to time appropriated by the City Councils for the benefit of the Public Library, but shall have no power to pledge the credit of the City for any debts that may incur.

SEC. 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This ordinance shall take effect on Jan. 1, 1878.

In accordance with the requirements of the above ordinance, the Trustees submit the following

REPORT:

Balance of appropriation unexpended Dec. 1, 1877,	\$ 23 67
Appropriation for 1878,	500 00
Rec'd from fines, sale of catalogues, supplements, and waste paper,	85 07
Total.	<u>\$608 74</u>

CR.

Amount expended for repairs of books before the appointment of Trustees,	\$49 52
Paid for repairing books since appointment of trustees,	22 60
“ re-covering books,	3 50
“ mucilage and stationery,	2 99
Amount expended for new books,	289 83
Paid City Treasurer, am't fines, sale catalogues, &c.,	85 07
Unexpended balance of appropriation,	155 23
	<u>\$608 74</u>

Whole number books in Library, Dec. 1, 1877,	3648
New books added during the year,	294
Total number, Dec. 1, 1878,	3,942
Whole number issued during the year,	27,406
Number issued each month—	
December, 1877,	2,290
January, 1878,	2,434
February, “	2,576
March, “	2,846
April, “	2,790
May, “	2,439
June, 1878,	1,775
July, “	1,934
August, “	2,089
Sept., “	1,931
October, “	2,052
Nov., “	2,250
The largest number was issued in March,	2,846
The smallest “ “ June,	1,775
Whole number of books re-covered during the year,	679
Whole number of cards issued to Dec. 1, 1877,	1,587
“ “ during year 1878,	396
Total,	1,983

The Library has been open every day and evening, except Sundays, 4th of July and Thanksgiving Day, and we refer with much satisfaction to its steadily increasing patronage as a hopeful sign in the moral and intellectual progress of our youthful city, and it confirms the wisdom of the liberal policy adopted and pursued by the city fathers from the outset.

The rapid multiplication of free libraries in New England during the last decade, and the more than trebled appropriations for their support during the same time, are prophetic of our continued supremacy in mental culture and refinement, whatever strides may be made in agricultural and mechanical improvements in the now ambitious West and Southwest.

No city can well afford to dispense with free public libraries. They should be fostered in common with our public schools, and children should be encouraged to take cards in their own names, and aided in their selection of books by judicious suggestions, so that they will almost unconsciously acquire a taste for the more substantial and instructive literature, as they advance in years. In this way the library may be made to sup-

plement and continue their school education, until the love of books will be second only to the love of truth and virtue.

The Trustees beg leave to suggest that all visitors to the library conform, as nearly as may be, to the regulations, and thus facilitate the rapid receipt and delivery of books. The rules are intended to be as few and simple as will ensure the safety of the books and the greatest convenience of the public, and we would recommend that complaints should be made to the Trustees rather than to the Librarian, with the assurance that any suggestions will be cheerfully received and promptly adopted, if deemed to be for the public good. A mutual spirit of courtesy and accommodation should actuate both the Librarian and those whom she serves.

Some dissatisfaction has been manifested on account of the exaction of fines for retaining books beyond the specified limit of two weeks, especially when the fine of two cents per day equals or exceeds the value of the book. We can scarcely conceive anything more unreasonable than this. If all patrons were as careless and negligent as are some of them, it would require but a short time to transfer all the books to the private libraries of our citizens. A moment's reflection would establish the justice of this rule, and the grumblers must see that they have but themselves to blame. It affords us pleasure, however, to testify that nearly all promptly return their books, and as promptly pay their fines when books are overdue. We believe no book has been lost during the year.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of our former Librarian, Mr. Eli Brooks, on the 7th of June last. Although he remained at his post but a short time after the appointment of the present Board of Trustees, yet he lived and labored long enough to win our respect, and to endear himself to all who were brought into frequent communication with him. Elected with little regard to aught but his moral worth and pecuniary necessities, he proved to be singularly adapted to the vocation, and soon evinced a knowledge and scholarly appreciation of books that surprised even his most intimate friends. He was a genial, Christian man, of few but kindly words, ever ready to advise and assist in the selection of suitable reading, and, with a memory that would compare

with a Cyrus, could put his hand at once on any book wanted, or say without looking, "It is not in." He was the "right man in the right place," and few can estimate his loss, not alone for what he was, but for what he was to be. His hearty devotion to his work sustained him long after his physical nature was exhausted, and so sudden was his departure that few were aware of his absence from his daily duty until his death was announced.

Useful as he was, and deeply as we mourn his loss, we congratulate the public that the vacancy was immediately filled by the appointment of his daughter, Miss Lizzie M. Brooks, whose experience as an assistant during her father's service enabled her to assume at once, and with ease, the responsibilities of the position. Our expectations in regard to her success have been fully realized, and we bear cheerful testimony to the zeal and fidelity with which she has carried on the work so auspiciously begun by her lamented father.

A free public library should contain the best books on the arts and sciences, on natural, civil and ecclesiastical history, on geography, geology, agriculture and horticulture, on travels, biography, philosophy, theology and poetry, together with the standard works of fiction. It should also contain a good collection of books of reference, from which teachers and others can gain needed information on all subjects of interest and inquiry. New books, containing the latest intelligence of the scientific, industrial, political and literary progress of the world, should be added every year. Such a library is of incalculable value to the public schools and to the culture of the community in general.

In the selection of books during the year, the Trustees have aimed to waive all personal bias and secure the best books in each department, so far as their means would allow. The eagerness with which the new books have been read is indicative of comparative success.

We cannot more fitly close this report than by quoting the last words ever written upon the subject, by the late Franklin Forbes, of Clinton, Mass., who was for many years deeply

interested in free public libraries, and did much for their improvement.

“ Let us never abandon to a niggardly support these distinguished institutions of New England—the public schools and free libraries ; let us endow them well, and keep them in charge of the best teachers and directors the town can find, commensurate with its ability and standing, for in the existing state of knowledge, art and skill, no boy or man can know too much ; the less he knows the weaker he is. Ignorance is never bliss. It is never folly to be wise. To the man of sound mind and well digested learning, ignorance, bigotry and tyranny are powerless to constrain the freedom of his mind, or steal away his right of private judgment in matters of religion, or politics, or self control.”

Respectfully,

WM. P. CHAMBERLAIN,

H. M. HATCH,

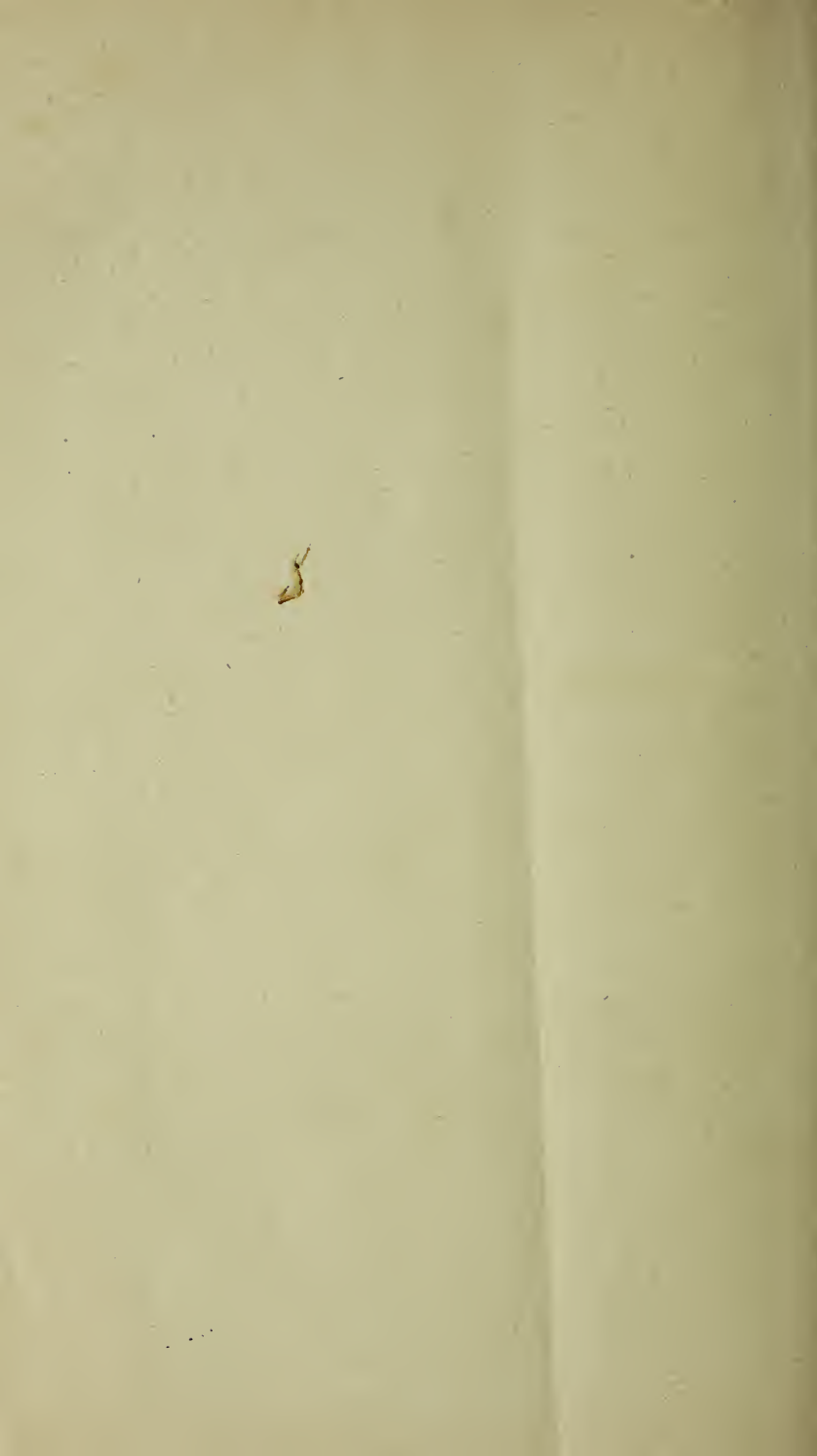
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